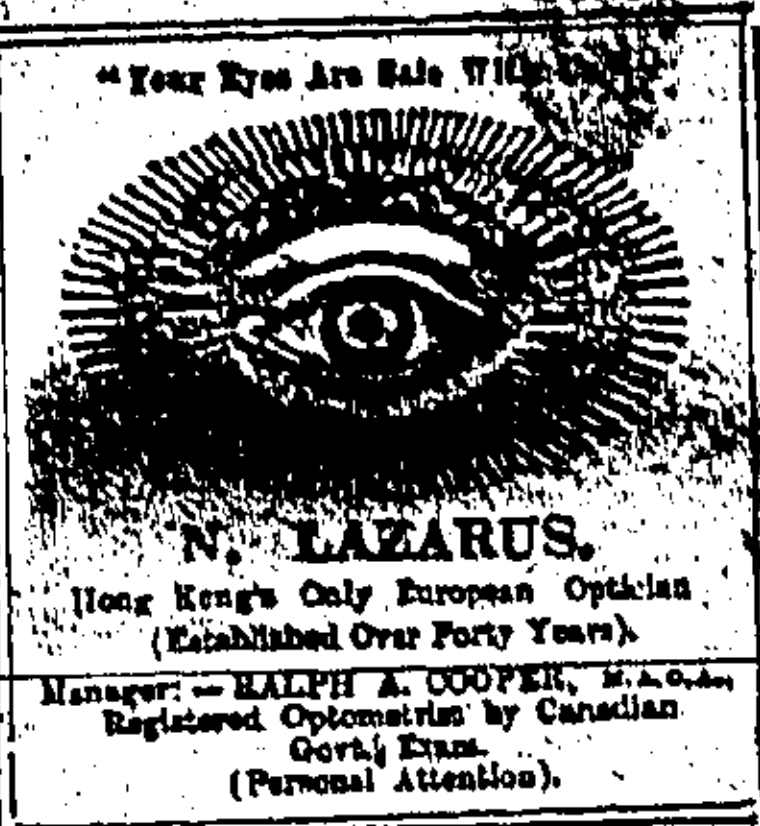


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LITIGATION OF THE NEW YEAR.

INCREASING PRESSURE.

The new legal year, says the *London Observer*, promises to be a period in which useful experiments will be tested to adapt the machinery of procedure to the pressing requirements of the time. Litigation is everywhere on the up grade, and divorce cases alone for 1927, attained to the total of approximately 4,000 a fair proportion of these being heard at the county assizes. In the High Court in London the cases listed for the four terms of the past year in all divisions have exceeded 8,000, and the problem of assuring litigants generally a fairly quick hearing is engaging the close attention of those in authority in the legal departments.

A strong body of opinion in the country is pressing for wide and far-reaching divorce reform, which can only have the effect of increasing the burdens on the courts. Since the passing of the Act of Major Entwistle, by which marital misconduct was made a ground for divorce by either husband or wife, the total of divorce suits has leaped upwards, as well as the ratio presented by wives, and the country assizes have been prolonged largely because of the stress of matrimonial cases. Under this system, divorce cases come within the province of the Judges of the King's Bench Division, several of whom have been very outspoken in regard to the serious state of affairs reflected by the divorce rush. Mr. Justice Swift, at the last Birmingham Assizes, observed that "if the public knew what is going on and what is being done in this court there would very quickly be some reform of the Divorce Court. People seem to be breaking up their family life very calmly."

The New Publicity System.

The Judicial Proceedings Act, under which the reporting of divorce cases by the newspapers is restricted, has now been in operation for over a year, and while in some instances the lack of the deterrent of publicity may have influenced the conduct of certain people, it is to be noted that as a rule the Judges—where in their view the publication of facts and information is to the public advantage—have taken special steps to give detailed judgments in a manner rendering such publicity possible. It is being urged that the machinery for dealing with divorce, and especially the undefended cases which form the great majority, might be strengthened by delegating such work more to Commissioners, Records and experienced counsel who can deputise as Judges. County Court jurisdiction has been suggested, but these courts are everywhere crowded with work.

Curtail The Long Vacation?

In London the matrimonial law is still strangely merged in "the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division," with actions regarding the validity of wills and the control of ships in collision on the high seas, but now that so many country divorce centres have been established these Judges of this Division are able as a general rule comfortably to cope with the available work. Undoubtedly divorce suits are now taken every Monday through the term, other days being devoted to defended and jury cases and Admiralty work—an arrangement which operates on the whole to the convenience of all parties. The Chancery Division is to try the experiment of allocating long cases to particular Judges and short suits to others, which it is believed will make for more expedition generally. It is probable that these new arrangements will be in working order before the question of the proposed appointment of the two additional Judges is again raised in Parliament. There is a strong feeling in the House against the appointment of two new Judges on the ground of economy, and while this exists it is at least likely that the possibilities of further internal reforms—to keep the machinery of the law abreast of requirements will be closely examined. The reduction of the absurdly long Long Vacation of ten weeks in the summer is being again most strongly urged—this would be a cogent remedy for the pressure, and dispose of any need for strengthening the personnel of the Bench.

FACES AS INDEX TO CAREERS.

CHANGED EXPRESSIONS OF MODERN WOMEN.

STRONG CONTRAST.

Has modern woman already acquired a professional face that indicates the career she pursues? An observant visitor, looking round a room in which groups of women who follow various professions are gathered, will answer the question in the affirmative. Any student of physiognomy can tell a man's profession by watching his face intently. This does not apply only to modern men. The occupations of men who have died long ago can be read from their portraits.

A look round the walls of the National Portrait Gallery will show that the faces of the women of the past cannot be read like that for their expressions were curiously standardized. They appear to combine a sense of humour with great resources of natural wisdom.

Once more look into the room where the leading women in the different professions are gathered. No two expressions are alike. Their thoughts, reflecting to their particular subject, have changed their faces.

Woman Doctor.

The woman doctor, typified by Dame Mary Scharlieb, is in most ways like the average face of the leading men specialists in Harley Street. If Dr. Scharlieb's hair is covered it will be seen how completely this is the case—the wise, watching eyes, the slightly drawn eyebrows connected by a network of tiny lines that the responsibilities of her career have worked across her face, the humorous, patient mouth of the both adviser.

The face of Mrs. Laura Knight, the woman artist, provides a striking contrast. Mrs. Knight and Dr. Scharlieb had been born twin sisters and their features identical, the difference in their faces would still have been as great as it is now. Miss Tallulah Bankhead's face, in its most rugged mood, shows that her great mission in life is to amuse those who appreciate her art. If Miss Bankhead, however, decided to become a great woman barrister, with years of intense study of law books, would not her rounded face and fun-like eyes gradually adopt an expression of awareness and decisive judgment until she had facial characteristics that made her not so unlike Miss Helena Normanton?

If, again, she decided to leave the stage and become a great business woman, her expression would probably become one of watchful gravity and special poise, such as that found in the face of Mrs. E. M. Wood, the leading advertising director.

CAPT. BRANDON RETIRES.

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KAISER'S PARDON RECALLED.

Commander V. R. Brandon, R.N., C.B.E., placed on Retired List at own request, with rank of Captain.

This recent announcement in the *London Gazette* marks the close of an adventurous naval career. Captain Brandon, who served as a lieutenant was arrested with Lieutenant D. F. Trench, Royal Marines, while on the Prussian island of Borkum in 1910, the German authorities alleging that the pair were engaged in espionage. They were sentenced in December 1910 to 4 years' imprisonment in a fortress. When about 18 months of the sentence had still to be served both officers were pardoned by the Kaiser on the occasion of King George's visit to Berlin in May 1913.

Captain Of Gunboat In China.

Captain Brandon commanded the gunboat *Bramble* in China during the early part of the European War, and later became Assistant Director of the Intelligence Department at the Admiralty. He is now taking up the post of professional adviser to the Board of Trade. The German adventures of Capt. Brandon and his companion were oddly anticipated in Erskine Childers' book, "The Riddle of the Sands," published in 1903. This described a possible German invasion of Britain from the Frisian islands and the visit there of two young Englishmen.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Empress of Australia. (Round World Tourist Line) due. Helena May Institute Bible Study Circle, 10.30 a.m. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m. Hockey: Club "A" v. 3/15th Punjabis, King's Park, 5 p.m. "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Concert and Dance, 7.30 p.m. Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Gaucho." World Theatre: "Blarney." Star Theatre: "The Man Upstairs."

The Banvard Musical Company present "Mercenary Mary." Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Nippon, letters only (Sarat). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Soochow), 5 p.m.

Saturday.

Central British School Annual Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m. Yachting: 9th Championship Race for Racing Yachts. Fanning Hunt: Hunt Ride, Hunters Arms, 2.30 p.m. Cricket League:—Division I: University 1st XI v. Kowloon C.C. Division II: Club de Recreation R.A.O.C. v. Royal Navy.

Friendly Cricket: Navy v. H.K.C.C. H.K.C.C. v. H.K. Garrison 2nd XI; Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. University 2nd XI; C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.K. Police C.C.

Football:—H.K.F.A. Challenge Shields:—Seniors: China Athletics v. K.O.S.B. (Club ground); Club de Recreation v. H.K. Police (King's Park); R.A. v. South China (Soochow). Kick-off in each case at 4.15 p.m. Juniors: R.A. Reserves v. K.O.S.B. Reserves (Soochow); China Athletics Reserves v. South China "B" (Club ground); South China "B" (Club ground); (Chad Guards v. St. Joseph's "A" v. Ham Road); St. Joseph's "A" v. H.K.F.C. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m. Kick-off in each case at 2.30 p.m.

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Sexagesima. Lincoln's Birthday. Commemoration of the Proclamation of the Republic at Peking. St. Peter's Church annual meeting, after morning service. Fanning Hunt: Meet at Sheung Shui, 7 a.m.

Golf: Junior Championship (second round), Fanning; Police v. Taifoo match, Happy Valley, 9 a.m. Yachting: Resail of 3rd Championship Race for Cruisers. Cricket: Mr. G. R. Sayer's XI v. Combined Schools XI, Civil Service Cricket Club ground, 2 p.m. Theosophical Society Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.

"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Music. 7.30 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Two Arabian Knights." World Theatre: "Barbara Frietchie." Star Theatre: "Man Trap."

H.K. Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting (first day). Entries close for H.K. Horticultural Society's Annual Flower Show, 1 p.m. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m. Hockey: Army v. R.A.F. (Siu Shiue). Y.M.C.A. v. Queen's II. Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Two Arabian Knights." World Theatre: "Barbara Frietchie." Star Theatre: "Man Trap." The Banvard Musical Company present "Black Bottom Revue," Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.

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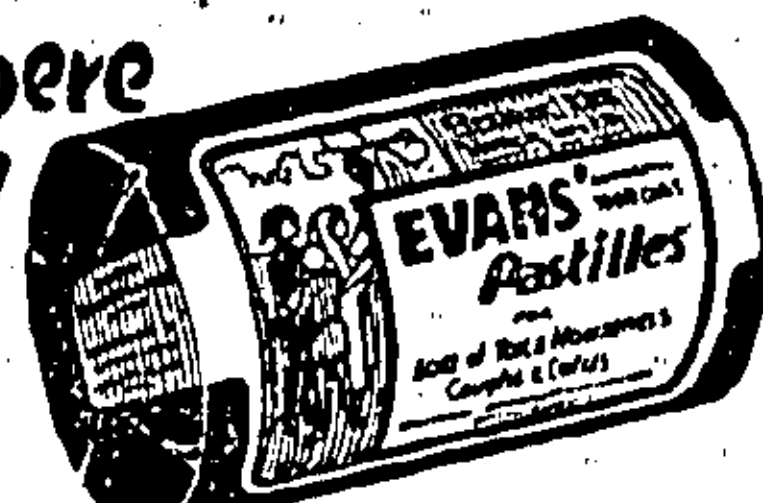
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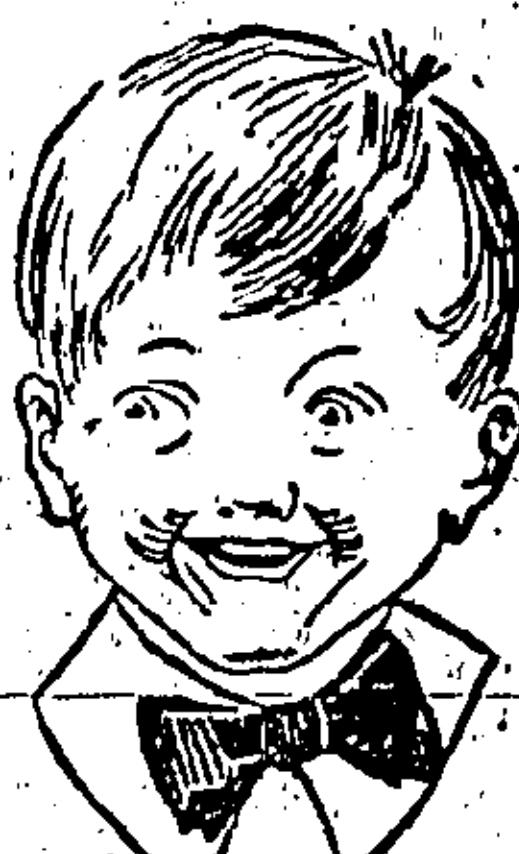
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TRIBUTE PAID TO THE HON. MR. D. G. M. BERNARD.

CONGRATULATED ON HIS SUCCESS IN HONG KONG.

At the 40th ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday, the Chairman gave an interesting review of the activities of the Company during the past year, and explained the present position of affairs.

In seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. W. H. Bell paid a tribute to Mr. Bernard, who, as announced recently in the *Daily Press*, is leaving the Colony shortly to take charge of the London Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on behalf of the shareholders, congratulated Mr. Bernard on the great success with which he has steered the affairs of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company, and wished him the same success at Home as he had attained in Hong Kong.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided at the meeting, and others present were:—Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. H. P. White (Directors), and Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary).

Shareholders present were:—Messrs. W. S. Bailey, H. A. Rogers, B. W. Tape, W. H. Bell, A. C. Kennedy, W. E. L. Shenton, J. A. Tarrant, N. V. A. Croucher, C. S. dos Remedios, O. F. Ribeiro, P. S. Cassidy, T. G. Weall, J. M. Alves, Funk Kong Un, D. V. Stevenson, F. Austin, H. Dennis, A. P. Samy, P. C. Randall and J. T. Bagram.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.
Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—The amount available for appropriation, including \$895,931.82 brought forward from the previous year, is \$1,421,201.45. This, after payment of the interim dividend in August last of \$2 per share absorbing \$490,000. Your Directors recommended a final dividend of \$2 per share, the same as last year; a bonus to staff of \$8,000 and the balance amounting to \$933,210.48 to be carried forward, and I trust shareholders will approve of these appropriations.

During the year an opportunity occurred of acquiring Prince's Building, with all its recent improvements, and on which we had a mortgage of \$1,500,000, for \$3,000,000. After carefully considering the matter from every point of view under present prevailing conditions, your Directors decided to effect the purchase and I think you will agree that it makes a very fine and important addition to the Company's properties in the Central District. You will notice that to facilitate the finance of this transaction a mortgage of \$850,000, which was in existence in addition to our already mentioned mortgage, has been carried on.

We also had a mortgage of \$1,500,000 on Kowloon Marine Lot 49 but when repayment was due we could get no satisfaction from the mortgagors and as interest was months behindhand we sold the property by auction with a reserve sufficient to cover the principal and outstanding interest. It was bought by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. However, they needed only the front portion of the lot consisting of vacant land, and gave us the opportunity of purchasing from them the rear portion consisting of 111 houses at cost. This offer was accepted and we were thus able to acquire at a reasonable price a property with good prospects of substantial future appreciation.

The purchaser of some property at Wanchai which we had sold during the boom, allowing him to leave part of the purchase money on mortgage, defaulted and we had to re-enter. The resulting value in our books was rather high so your Directors decided to allocate \$50,000 from last year's profits to writing down the property to a more reasonable figure.

The foregoing are the principal causes of the amount advanced on mortgages, falling from \$10,140,600.30 to \$6,144,857.86 and "amount invested in property" increasing from \$5,340,030.37 to \$9,021,286.20 during the year.

Arrangements have just been completed for the erection of a garage at the Peak to meet the need for more accommodation for cars. It will be built on the open space between the Peak Hotel and Mount Kellett Road. The building will be commenced almost immediately and be completed towards the end of the year. It is planned as a two storey building but the upper storey will not be proceeded with until the demand for space warrants such development. The ground floor will have 14 private lock-ups and in addition will be able to garage 15 cars, allowing all of them clear access to their individual parking spaces; this is without taking into consideration the open space reserved for maneuvering purposes. Rooms are also being provided for a limited number of chauffeurs. Your Directors feel that this garage will be a great boon to owners of cars at the Peak, and particularly to those who drive their own machines. It is not intended to compete with the established garages

in the Colony and no provision has been made for repair shops, but facilities will be arranged for obtaining ordinary supplies.

Last year I referred briefly to the position in regard to the rights of appointment of a successor which the late Sir Paul Chater held in respect of his position of "Permanent and Managing Director" of this Company. I mentioned that we had been advised that the appointment made were not legal. The position was later tested in Court, and judgment given in favour of this Company. The decision, however, has been appealed against, and the appeal will be heard at an early date. As the matter has not yet been finally settled our auditors have desired us to show as a contingent liability the amount involved up to the end of 1927. You will see a note regarding this at the bottom of the balance sheet but I may add that no provision has been made in the accounts.

When Prince's Building was acquired your Directors invited Mr. J. E. Joseph, who was Managing Director of the Prince's Building Co., to join our board, and his name will come before you to-day for election. Mr. Joseph has had very considerable experience in property matters and his presence on the board is of great value to the Company.

I do not think there are any other matters that call for comment and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BERNARD.

Mr. W. H. Bell said:—I have been asked to second the proposal that the report and accounts should be passed. It gives me very great pleasure to speak on this occasion because I consider that, in view of the very difficult times we have had during the past 2 to 3 years, the accounts are remarkably sound and reflect the highest credit on the management.

As you all probably know, our Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Bernard, is leaving the Colony very soon and going to London to take charge of the interests of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and in all probability, therefore, this is the last occasion on which he will take the chair at an annual meeting of this Company. You are also all aware that as head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and as our Chairman he has a very great say in the direction of the affairs of our Company and in view of the very difficult times through which we have passed I think that we ought to congratulate Mr. Bernard personally on the great success with which he has steered the affairs of the Company. In my opinion the shareholders of this Company owe a very hearty and a very special vote of thanks to Mr. Bernard. I feel sure also that you will all join with me in wishing him a pleasant passage and a good holiday at Home, and that when he resumes work that he will have the same success in the City of London as he undoubtedly has had in Hong Kong.

I beg to second the proposal that the report and accounts be adopted.

In reply, the Chairman said: I thank Mr. Bell for his remarks, and you, Gentlemen, for the very kind way in which you have received them, but I would like to say that the credit of the management of this Company rests with the Board. As a Board they have studied very carefully every matter that has come before them, and the credit of the management rests with the Board as a whole.

The report and accounts were then adopted unanimously.

Other Business.
On the proposition of Mr. D. E. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. J. A. Tarrant, the appointment of Mr. J. E. Joseph to the Board of Directors was confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, seconded by Mr. B. W. Tape, Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung, who retired by rotation, were unanimously re-elected as Directors of the Company.

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AN INCREASED PROFIT.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD
YESTERDAY.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, held at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday morning, it was reported that the net profit on the past year's business shows an increase of \$5,533.81 over the previous year, which is considered very satisfactory.

The net profit for the year ended December 31st, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including \$93,418.32 brought forward from the last account, amounts to \$272,101.85, of which \$120,000 has been set aside to pay a dividend of 80 cents per share, and \$50,000 to pay a bonus of 20 cents per share. The remainder is set aside for special account.

Mr. Henry Humphreys (Chairman) presided at yesterday's meeting, and others present were:—Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie (Directors), Mr. G. Rapp (Secretary), and Messrs. Frank Austin, M. Manuk, A. P. Samy, D. E. Clarke and J. D. Humphreys (shareholders).

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said: The accounts are simply itself and call for little comment.

The net profit for the year shows an increase of \$5,533.81 over the previous year which your directors think is quite satisfactory.

You will note that Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund, and Special Repairs and Renewals Fund have been depleted by \$8,092.62 and \$18,860.41 respectively. The latter was larger than in the previous year we had to give the periodical overhaul to the following buildings:—Carnarvon Buildings, Humphreys Buildings, Nathan Road Buildings, Abertholwyn and Ian Mor.

I trust that you will approve of the proposed appropriations which will restore these funds to their former figures.

The only building operation undertaken during the year under review is the construction of four residential flats on May Road. These are now half completed and should be ready for occupation in July next.

I have no further comment to make gentlemen and after the accounts have been proposed and seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question shareholders may put in regard to same.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, which were seconded by Mr. F. Austin, and duly passed.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. Manuk, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Patenden, J. M. Alves and C. Gordon Mackie were re-elected as Directors.

It was announced by the Chairman that during the year Mr. A. O. Lang resigned on leaving the Colony, his place being taken by Mr. L. J. Davies, who resigned his seat on the Board, which was filled by Mr. C. Gordon Mackie.

On the proposition of Mr. A. P. Samy, seconded by J. D. Humphreys, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$250 each.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready this morning (Friday).

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

LAST YEAR'S PROFIT \$700,000.

The report of the directors of the above bank, to be presented at the ninth ordinary yearly meeting of the company to be held at the Company's Registered Office, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, February 18th, 1928, states:—

The profit for the year, including \$208,782.84 brought forward from last year and after paying all expenses and charges and providing for all bad and doubtful debts and other contingencies amounts to \$723,322.54 which the Directors propose to deal with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 80.00 per share on 50,000 shares, absorbing, \$400,000.00; To pay a bonus to directors, holders of founder shares and the staff, \$18,000.00; To carry forward, \$404,041.50; Total: \$723,322.54.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth, and Fleming, who retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

On the proposition of Mr. W. S. Bailey, seconded by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected as Auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each. The Chairman: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants may be obtained at the Company's office to-morrow (Friday).

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

February 9th, 1928.	
B.K. Bank	\$124.00 buy.
Do.	123.00 buy.
Chartered Bank	\$21.00 buy.
Mercantile Bank A. & B.	\$22.00 nom.
Do.	\$21.00 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$10.00 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$10.00 buy.
Castro Insurance	\$10.00 buy.
Union Insurance	\$10.00 buy.
North China Ins.	\$10.00 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	\$10.00 buy.
China Underwriters	\$10.00 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$10.00 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$10.00 nom.
Douglas	\$10.00 buy.
Steamboats	\$10.00 buy.
H.K. Tug	\$10.00 buy, 2.00 sel.
Indo-China (Ref.)	\$10.00 nom.
Do.	\$10.00 nom.
Shel Transport	\$10.00 nom.
Waterboats	\$10.00 div. buy.
Banquets	\$10.00 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$10.00 buy.
Langkat (combined)	\$10.00 nom.
Do. (single)	\$10.00 nom.
S'han Explorations	\$10.00 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$10.00 nom.
Rail	\$10.00 nom.
Tonghai Mines	\$10.00 buy.
H.K. & W. Wharfs	\$10.00 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$10.00 buy.
China Provident	\$10.00 buy, 6.00 sel.
Hongkong	\$10.00 buy.
New Engineering	\$10.00 buy.
Shanghai Dock	\$10.00 buy.
Evo Cottons	\$10.00 buy.
Oriental	\$10.00 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$10.00 buy.
Do. (new)	\$10.00 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$10.00 buy, 6.00 sel.
H.K. Lands	\$10.00 buy, 6.00 sel.
Shanghai Lands	\$10.00 buy.
Hongkong Estates	\$10.00 buy.
Hong Kong Realities	\$10.00 buy.
H.K. Territorial	\$10.00 nom.
H.K. Tramways	\$10.00 nom.
Peak Tram (old)	\$10.00 nom.
Do. (new)	\$10.00 nom.
Star Ferries	\$10.00 buy.
China Light (comb.)	\$10.00 buy.
Do. (old)	\$10.00 buy.
Do. (new)	\$10.00 buy.
H.K. Electric	\$10.00 buy, 7.00 sel.
Macao Electric	\$10.00 buy, 2.00 right.
Telephones	\$10.00 buy.
China Buses	\$10.00 nom.
Singapore Tractors	\$10.00 nom.
China Sugars	\$10.00 buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$10.00 nom.
Canton Loes	\$10.00 buy.
Cements (combined)	\$10.00 sel., 11.00 sa.
Do. (old)	\$10.00 nom.
Do. (new)	\$10.00 nom.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$10.00 buy.
Do. (new)	\$10.00 buy.
United Amstec	\$10.00 sel.
Dairy Farms	\$10.00 buy, 19.00 sel.
Watsons	\$10.00 buy.
Der A Wings	\$10.00 sel.
Long Overboards	\$10.00 sel.
Mackintosh	\$10.00 buy.
Sincere	\$10.00 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$10.00 nom.
H.K. Amusements	\$10.00 buy.
H.K. Constructions	\$10.00 nom.
S'pore Indus. G. Bonds	\$10.00 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% prem. buy.
buy—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.	

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 8th.	
Paris	124
Brussels	34.80
Amsterdam	12.00
Milan	02.05
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.60
Helsingfors	18.00
Lisbon	23.16
Bucharest	72.51
Buenos Aires	47.5
Shanghai	2/6
Yokohama	1/11.1/8
New York	4.87.7/32
Geneva	26.33
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.315
Prague	10.41
Madrid	28.50
Athens	30.73
Rio	5.60/64
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Hong Kong	2/6
Silver spot & forward	26

HEALTH OF AIR FORCE.

2,317 CASES OF INJURY
IN 1926.

London, Jan. 10th.—The average strength of the Air Force in 1926 was 23,264 and the total cases of disease and injury were 28,422, states the report on the health of the Force in 1926. Sickness decreased at Home but increased abroad owing to the increase in cases of malaria in India and Iraq to 648 and 622, respectively, compared with 463 and 363 in the previous year.

There were 2,317 cases of injury, equal to 76.3 per thousand, compared with 67.8 in 1925, 60 per cent. of the injuries were received on duty. Flying accidents accounted for 7.1 per cent. of the total injuries, but, in view of the number of hours flown, the casualty risk was lower than in previous years. The casualties were 179, including 78 deaths, giving a percentage of 44, compared with the average percentage of 41 in the previous five years.

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MERCENARY MARY

Monday, February 13th at 8.15 p.m.

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A POLIC OF RECONCILIATION.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT.

[BRITISH OFFICIAL WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Recess, February 8th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain made a long statement today in the House of Commons dealing with points raised regarding foreign policy. He said he joined with the Premier in grateful recognition of the unanimity of the House in respect of the declaration made in the King's speech regarding British policy towards China. That policy was the result of mature consideration. As was stated at the time, the moment of its application must be dependent on circumstances which were and are beyond control but to that policy we remained faithful and, as was made clear yesterday, it was no party question but was an expression of goodwill and friendship from the people of this country towards the people of China and their legitimate aspirations. We had indeed no other interests in China than that our traders should be allowed to pursue their legitimate vocations as traders in peace and security and we were prepared to meet Chinese aspirations for revision of the treaty in the most liberal spirit provided only that security were given for the lawful occupations of our people.

No Settled Government.

Referring to the impatience shown by Mr. MacDonald that more progress had not been made, Sir Austen said that China was still broken with civil war. It was without any government that could speak in the name of the whole of the Chinese people. Indeed, governments came and went as leaders came and went and there could be no more difficult problem than to carry out the wishes of the British Government on the policy that they had announced while the Chinese themselves were unable to provide stable and settled government for China.

Still we had made some progress. In view of the long delay which had occurred in carrying out the compromise of the Washington Convention, the British Government had accepted the position that it would not be justified in withholding its consent to the collection of the 2 per cent. surtax which it had previously agreed to. The surtax was being paid by British subjects throughout China but the British Government objected and must continue to object to illegal levies of tax and surtax which were continually cropping up in different parts of China in this or that passing local authority. The British Government would not object to a uniform national tariff which did not discriminate against British merchants and which was administered fairly. It was for the Chinese themselves to agree on this important question and when they did agree among themselves, and he was happy to say that there were some signs lately of such agreement.

"SO LIKE HOME!"

MRS. AMERY ON HER EMPIRE TOUR.

FLOURISHING LANDS.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 9th.
Mr. Amery, the Secretary for Dominion Affairs, and Mrs. Amery, arrived in British Columbia, from New Zealand, last night, in the course of their Empire tour, and will spend about a month in Canada.
"I enjoyed every minute of my stay in New Zealand," said Mrs. Amery.
"My husband has had such a wonderful welcome that I could not help being happy. It was the same in South Africa and Australia. I could not have imagined anything so spontaneous and cordial. Everyone has been most kind."
Coming from crowded England, the open spaces naturally appealed very much to her. She was much struck by the prosperity and well-being in the Dominion. She had visited.

"The astonishing thing is that it is all so like England," she declared. "We have come right round the world, and find—really other England. In New South Wales I went to see one of the places where they are training public school boys from the Old Country for life in Australia. I had a talk with one of the lads, and said to him: 'Well, now that you have come all the way out here, how do you like it?' He said: 'Splendidly; in fact, sometimes when I forget, I feel that I am still in England.'"

"That is exactly how I have felt a dozen times since I came out here," added Mrs. Amery. "One might be in England. It gives one a rather strange feeling to have come so many thousands of miles, and still find everything so like home. That, I think, has been my most vivid impression."

then the British Government would help them. Similarly with extraterritoriality we had made some progress in face of all difficulties.

Recognition of Chinese Courts.

The British Government had already recognised the modern Chinese law courts in cases where the British subject is plaintiff or complainant. We were ready to apply in British courts the modern Chinese civil and commercial code.

Concessions.

The third branch of our programme was to surrender by negotiations our special rights in British Concessions. He wished he could give a more satisfactory account of the state of things which had prevailed since that surrender. He could not say it was wholly encouraging. Recurring chaos and civil war were immense obstacles to the proper and efficient discharge by the Chinese of the obligations that became incumbent on them from the moment that we surrendered any of those privileges.

Defence Force Reduced.

Referring to the reduction of the British defence force in China Sir Austen Chamberlain said the land forces had been already reduced from 12,500 to 4,500 and orders had been given for the withdrawal of another battalion. "I shall be as glad," he declared, "as members in any other part of the House when conditions of order and security in China make the total of that force possible. That time has not come yet and I venture to say that no responsible government could leave our concessions there without something more than normal protection in the conditions which still prevail."

No Compensation For Nanking Outrages.

I must mention with regret the failure of our Chinese authorities in that part of the country to give satisfaction up to date for the outrages perpetrated at Nanking. It is impossible for our Consul-General to re-occupy the Consulate which even at this moment is occupied unlawfully by Chinese troops, and no sort of satisfaction has hitherto been offered for the outrages to life, property and national dignity inflicted on us and upon other nations. The situation is undoubtedly better than a year ago. In particular the anti-foreign agitation has lessened and particularly the anti-British character of these agitations has changed and I think there is beginning to be among Chinese people a better appreciation of the real goodwill of the British Government and the British people, and that they are beginning to consider all the disabilities and friendship implied and involved not only in the declaration which we published a year ago but in our actions since that time."

MECHANISED MUSIC.

PROFESSOR ON EFFECT OF WIRELESS.

ROOM FOR FEWER MUSICIANS.

The effect which broadcasting, the gramophone, and the gramophone—referred to by speakers, as "mechanised music"—are exercising on the musical profession was discussed at the annual conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians at the Mansion House, London.

Dr. Markham Lee said the past year had been one of more or less universal depression in music. Recitals were only attempted by the very few. "The only thing for budding artists is to send free tickets, plus a cheque for cab fares and dinner, and then they may get an audience." (Laughter.)
"The new commission" of music came at a time when many musicians in or around middle life found it difficult to meet the altered circumstances.

It is obvious that the organisations representing these mechanisms cannot utilise as many artists as were required all over the country in older days.

The only real remedy that I can see is that there must be fewer of us. There is only one way to reduce the number of entrants to the profession: to make a gate of entry to it and to make that gate difficult to go through.

Sir Henry Coward, the conductor, said that wireless and the gramophone were educating people, who sooner or later wanted to hear "the real thing."

Mr. E. Sims Hilditch (Crewe) said he understood that 4,000 people were earning between £5 and £10 a week in Manchester alone from playing in cinema, dance, and other orchestras.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., COMMANDANT.]

No. 318.

1.—Musketry.

Sunday, February 12th.

The Reserve Company will fire Part I Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 12th, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.
Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.
Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, February 11th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

2.—Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10th, for Signal Instruction. Dress: Multi.

3.—Artillery Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, February 10th.

The annual dinner of the Artillery Company will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, February 24th. If any old member of the Company desires to attend will be kindly communicated with L/Bdr. L. F. Nicholson, c/o The Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd., from whom all particulars can be gained.

4.—Mounted Infantry Company.

There will be a lecture at Corps Headquarters at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 10th, 1928.

5.—Armoured Car Company.

Car Section: Field Exercise on Saturday, February 11th. Parade at Corps Headquarters under Serjt. Robson (unless otherwise detailed) at 2.30 p.m. ready to move off at 3 p.m.

Dress: Uniform with shorts, puttees and hose, helmet, belt and bandoliers. Greatcoats may be carried if cold.

No parade on Monday, February 12th, 1928.
Motor Cycle Section: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10th, for special class for instruction under Lieut. J. E. Hancock for those previously detailed.

There will be a tactical ride in the New Territories on Sunday, February 12th, 1928.

Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10.30 a.m.
Dress: Tunic, breeches, puttees, belt and helmet.

6.—Infantry Company.

Musketry Part I Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 12th.

No. 1 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, February 10th, for Machine Gun Instruction.

Dress: Multi.

7.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, February 10th, at 5.30 p.m.

No. 5 Platoon will parade at Platoon Headquarters (Tai Koo Dock) for Squad and Arms Drill.

No. 6 Platoon will parade at Platoon Headquarters (Kowloon Dock) for Squad and Arms Drill.

No. 7 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters for Vicker's Gun Instruction.

Pipers and Drummers will parade at Corps Headquarters for practice at 6.15 p.m. on Thursday, February 10th.

Route March: Thursday, February 23rd. The Company will parade at full strength on above date at Kowloon Ferry and march to Kowloon Dock where No. 6 Platoon have kindly consented to be "At Home" to Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

COMING EVENTS.

Sunday, February 26th, 1928:—

Part I. Musketry at Stonecutters. Sunday, March 4th, 1928:—Shoot against 2nd K.O.S.B.

Sunday, April 1st, 1928:—Inter-Platoon Shoot for "Dyer" Cup. "Quarry Bay" Cup—Guard Mounting, etc., will be competed for in April after Easter holidays.

8.—Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, February 10th, for Squad and Arms Drill. Dress: Multi, belt, sling, rifle and bayonet.

N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10th, for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Next Company parade on Friday, February 17th, 1928.

Reserve Company.

Musketry Part I Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 12th. Particulars see Order No. 1.

10.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—
No. 1293 Pte. R. Kirkwood, No. 7 Platoon, as from February 12th, 1928.

No. 1299 Pte. H. S. Boren, A. Car Co., as from February 8th, 1928.

11.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—
Adjutant, H.K.Y.D.C., No. 222 Drummer R. B. Bell, No. 5 Platoon, from March 5th, 1928, to April 4th, 1928.

(Continued on next column.)

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"Please wait a minute until I have counted my luggage." A very pretty girl with large grey eyes laughingly made this remark to a Press representative when about to enter the Continental boat train at Victoria.

She was Lady Elizabeth Byng, setting out for Nairobi, where she is to marry Mr. Michael Lafone.

She is taking her trousseau on her 5,000 miles' journey.

With Lady Elizabeth were her father and mother, the Earl and Countess of Strafford, who are travelling to Nairobi, where their daughter will settle with her husband.

Before the train went out a woman hurried forward and, handing Lady Elizabeth a bouquet of pink carnations, embraced her warmly. She was Mrs. Lafone, the mother of Mr. Michael Lafone.

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NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, February 12th, at 9.30 a.m.

LIGHT AEROPLANE CLUBS IN INDIA.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSE ANNUAL GRANT OF Rs. 300,000.

New Delhi, Jan. 11th.

It is understood that the Government of India will shortly approach the Finance Committee of the Legislative Assembly for a grant of Rs. 300,000 per annum to help Light Aeroplane Clubs in India.

The proposed grant will be recurring, and will be utilized to purchase eight "Moth" aeroplanes and to finance light Aeroplane Clubs in the country.

In case the Assembly sanctions the grant, the aeroplanes are expected to be available by October next, for instruction in aviation, for pleasure and for sport.

The Secretary of the Aero Club of India, interviewed, expressed confidence that they would be able to get four more aeroplanes from private donors besides two privately-owned light aeroplanes, for demonstration flying in various parts of India.

Control Of Competitions.
The Club has sole control of all competitions and sporting events in India and has been associated with the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, thus giving members of the Indian Club the right of temporary membership in the British Club.

The Aero Club of India has also applied for the sole official representation in India of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

The Club's membership has already risen to 320.

Light Aeroplane Clubs have been opened at Delhi, Calcutta and Allahabad, while others at Bombay and Madras are in course of formation.

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POLICE DECOYS AND HOTELS.

SOLICITOR'S SEVERE CRITICISM.

CASE AGAINST NANKING BOARDING HOUSE DISMISSED.

"ALL WOMEN PAINT, POWDER AND DRESS ALIKE."

When the case against the licensee of the Nanking Boarding House, for allowing his premises to be used for immoral purposes again came before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton, for the defence, severely criticised the police method of employing decoys and giving them money to bring women of bad character to boarding houses. Such a method, he said, was a danger to the public, and should not be tolerated in this Colony or any other Colony.

Women, nowadays, said Mr. Brutton, all dressed, painted and powdered alike and it would be very difficult to tell a *fille-de-joie* from a respectable family woman. He described the police system as "iniquitous."

It will be remembered that on January 20th, two Chinese acting under instructions from Insp. Bloor, went to the boarding house. They engaged rooms and later asked the room boy to call in two women. The money was supplied by the Police. A raid followed and the two women and decoys were found in their respective rooms. Such was the case for the prosecution.

The defence, however, told a different story. Wong Sun, a room-boy, said that on the day in question, one of the decoys, named Leung Yuet, went to the boarding house and booked room No. 16. The registering of this was done by the clerk of the house. A deposit of \$10 was paid. Leung Yuet also said that later he would require a bigger room as he was expecting his family down from Macao.

At about 5 p.m. the same day, the other decoy paid a visit to Leung. The two remained in the room for a while and then the decoy came out and asked witness if he could procure two girls for them. Witness replied that he could not as it was against the regulation of the boarding house.

This part of the proceedings having failed the two men ordered food to be served them. This was done, and at 6 p.m. Leung Yuet went out alone. Witness was unable to say what had happened after this and the only thing he knew about the two customers was when an identification parade was held in the house at about 10.30 that night. The identification parade was held on the instruction of the police raiding the premises so as to find out the boy who had procured the women for the two decoys.

Decoys Brought Their Own Victims?

Another room-boy said that he was also employed on the same floor. He saw the first decoy bringing the two girls into the house.

The girls had since been deported to Macao. The party entered the room where the second man was waiting and the first man rang for the boy. He told the witness that he wanted another room for his friend as their families had just arrived. Witness went down to the booking clerk, who went up to the two men. The clerk then ordered witness to open room No. 17 for the other man and his wife. The two women looked like respectable women.

Mr. Brutton: What is the distinction between prostitutes and ordinary women nowadays? Ordinary women put less powder on. The booking clerk and other employees corroborated the evidence given by the two previous witnesses, and added that at the identification parade, no one was picked out. The women claimed to be the wives of the two men.

Prosecution Not Satisfactory.

Mr. Lindell said that the case for the prosecution was unsatisfactory, and that the evidence for the defence was very strong. Since the two girls were very strong. Since the two girls were very strong. Since the two girls were very strong. Since the two girls were very strong.

"An Iniquitous System."

Mr. Brutton then asked his witness to make some comment about the way the Police had acted in the case. He said that the Nanking Boarding House was a respectable place, and would not allow its premises to be used for immoral purposes, and the Police had no information that they had.

Mr. Lindell: I agree with you that if the Police had no such complaints made to them, the laying of this particular form of trap is, in my opinion, undesirable.

HELENA MAY MUSICALE.

"MUSIC OF CHILDHOOD."

ANOTHER ENJOYABLE CON- CERT IN THE SERIES.

Very enjoyable musicales have been held at the Helena May Institute this season, and yesterday's was particularly good. An entirely different theme was taken and it was greatly appreciated by the fairly large audience present.

The programme was based on "Music of Childhood," and the programme was as under:—

From "The Children's Corner"

Debussy.

(a) The Little Shepherd.

(b) The Golliwogs Cake-walk.

Mrs. HARGREAVES BROWNE.

From Kipling's Just So Stories

E. German.

(a) When the Cabin Port-holes.

(b) The Camel's Hump.

Eng. Lt.-Col. A. S. BEDELLS, R.N.

Bird Songs..... Liza Lehmann.

(a) The Woodpecker.

(b) The Starling.

(c) The Owl.

Mrs. WOMACK.

Scenes of Childhood..... Schumann.

1. Strange Counties and People.

2. A Strange Story.

3. Catch me if you can.

4. The Entertaining Child.

5. A Momentous Event.

6. Child Falling Asleep.

7. Frightening.

8. Dreaming.

Miss ACHESON.

(a) "Lines and Squares"

(b) "Shadow March"

Teresa del Riego.

Mrs. DAVENPORT BROWNE.

From Kipling's Just So Stories

E. German.

(a) This Uninhabited Island.

(b) Rolling down to Rio.

Eng. Lt.-Col. A. S. BEDELLS, R.N.

Songs from the Child's Garden

of Verres, R. L. Stevenson.

(a) A Song for Little Boys

E. Nevin.

(b) In Winter I get up at

Night..... E. Nevin.

(c) Speckled Eggs..... E. Nevin.

Mrs. RUSSELL-BROWN.

Recitations..... Rose Fyleman.

(a) Fairies.

(b) Yesterday in Oxford Street.

Miss ACHESON.

"Alone with Mother"

Coleridge-Taylor.

"St. Nicholas' Day"

Easthope Martin.

Mrs. WOMACK.

"Invitation to Arise"

Graham Peel.

"Mamma's Song"..... Harriet Ware.

Mrs. RUSSELL-BROWN.

There will be a musicale on

February 23rd, "Modern Music."

DEATH SENTENCE ON THE POPE.

MOSCOW'S LETTER TO VATICAN.

SIGNED BY RYKOV AND STALIN.

ROME, Jan. 12th.

The Vatican was amused rather than surprised to-day when it received an official communication from the Soviet Government condemning the Pope to death.

The communication came by registered post and was addressed to the Pope personally. It is signed by Rykov, President of the Soviet Council of Commissars, Stalin, (head of the Communist Party), and other Bolshevik chiefs, and states that the Pontiff is condemned to death for having given money for the overthrow of the Communist régime.

The Pope showed the document to several Cardinals and then had it deposited in the archives of the Vatican, where it will be preserved.

Police inspected the house from time to time.

Mr. Brutton also criticised the method of using decoys, and paying them money to go to a boarding house and try to obtain a girl, or else to bring a girl to the house. Such a state of affairs, he said, was iniquitous. In the old days, one could tell the difference between a respectable woman and a woman of loose character, but nowadays they all dressed alike, they all painted and they all powdered. "I would ask your Worship to express your disapproval," concluded Mr. Brutton.

Mr. Lindell: The Police could not disclose the reasons which prompted them to act.

Mr. Brutton said he knew the reason and he knew that the S.C.A. was doing his best to protect young girls. He added that the Nanking Boarding House was a respectable place and would not allow its premises to be used for immoral purposes, and the Police had no information that they had.

Mr. Lindell: I agree with you that if the Police had no such complaints made to them, the laying of this particular form of trap is, in my opinion, undesirable.

AT THE WORLD CINEMA.

"BLARNEY" A STORY OF BARE KNUCKLE FIGHTING.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Blarney" is the story of a blustering, vain glorious, young Irishman, who in the 1870's sails for America as a professional prize fighter.

"Carabine," the fighter, is played by Ralph Graves, and if you are not hardened to scenes of the ring you will feel very sorry for him, after you leave the theatre. The road to Stardom is a hard one generally, but we do not think there can have been much competition for the rôle of "Carabine." Three fights are staged, the third at considerable length and detail, and they are none of them drawing room encounters.

Perhaps it is to please those whose taste does not run to "claret," that the love story in which Renée Adorée and a very lovely actress, Paulette Duval, are the rivals for "Carabine's" affection is introduced.

Your film critic does not like prize fights, at all events in theory. But as the last big struggle was fought, as the two half-naked, figures swayed, staggered, and delivered terrible punishment, the brute which lies in the heart of each was awakened with the old cry for "bread and circuses." The tall man in the row in front, who partly hid the stage, became a hateful enemy; every move of the battle became of enormous importance; the sufferings of the protagonists negligible. You are swept into the ring of delicious men who watch these straining figures, fighting it would seem to the death, in a hill-side ring lit by torches.

"Blarney" is not a very pretentious film, there is a lot of it which is quite bad, but that scene equals anything we have watched on the screen, the chaotic race of "Ben Hur" not excepted.

VICAR'S BLACK EYE.

CHURCH SCENE SEQUEL.

A scene in St. Paul's Church, Kingston, Hill, Surrey, on the Sunday evening led to the appearance at Kingston of George Sherwood Lewis, of Alexandra-road, Kingston Hill, who was summoned for "riotous behaviour" in the church during a service.

Mr. W. E. Blake Carr, solicitor, prosecuting, said that Lewis, who had no occupation, was the only son of a man who had a distinguished military career; his grandfather was a distinguished surgeon in the Indian Army, and Lewis, who was educated at a public school, was brought up to follow that profession.

Mr. Carr continued: Mr. Wellesley Orr (the vicar) came to St. Paul's in 1923 and ever since he has been subjected to annoyance by the defendant. He first went to him two months after his arrival and suggested he should stop a certain wedding. The vicar properly refused. Lewis went to him later and asked him to interfere in his (Lewis's) relations with a certain family at Kingston Hill.

Lewis: I ask that no ladies' names be mentioned.

Mr. Carr said the vicar again refused to accede, and continued, with reference to the Sunday evening scene: "As soon as the vicar announced his text Lewis jumped to his feet and shouted, 'Mr. Orr, you are a scamp and a scoundrel. You are not fit to preach the word of the Blessed Saviour.' He took off his overcoat and assumed a threatening attitude to one of the wardens, but after some difficulty he was persuaded to leave."

Lewis's Version.

Lewis, in the witness-box, said he called to the vicar, "I want to put a straight question to you, Mr. Orr." But he continued mumbly. I put my question: "Will you please tell me what your right is to lock people in your study?" I went to the vicarage, to ask for an explanation of a certain act which I did not think quite straight. At the end of 20 minutes' interview in his study I was about to leave, but found the door locked, and the vicar had his back to it. If a person locks you in his study I consider it an attempt on your liberty, and perhaps on your life.

Mr. Carr: Is that why you gave the vicar a black eye?—Yes.

Mr. Orr (recalled): I deny that I locked Lewis in my study. I have always had an impression that he is not quite balanced. I deliberately put my hands in my pockets because he seemed in an excited state, and while my hands were in my pockets he struck me a blow.

Lewis was bound over to 22s to be of good behaviour for 12 months, during which time he must not go to St. Paul's Church or to the vicarage.

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CENTRAL BANK TO RE-OPEN.

CANTON'S REVENUES LOOKING UP.
LI TSAI HSIN'S BANQUET.

STUDENTS IN NEED OF CONTROL.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Central Bank of China in Canton will resume business as from February 10th, but accounts of deposits may not be withdrawn until further notice. This announcement was made yesterday and supported by a special military order issued in the name of General Li Tsai Hsin. The Bank suspended payment after the "Red" upheaval of December 11th.

The receipts of the Canton Administration for the week ending January 21st (the week before the Chinese New Year) amounted to nearly \$4,000,000. This accounted for the smooth passage of the New Year, as far as payment of troops and officials was concerned. The national revenue receipts were \$2,003,784; and the provincial receipts \$1,029,602. The expenditures for the same period totalled \$3,140,716.

If the Administration exercises reasonable care and efficiency the receipts of most of the revenue offices should be twice what is usually paid into the Public Treasury. To take an instance, the *likin* tax on the manufacture of bricks brought in last year only \$3,744. This year a new collector has guaranteed \$8,000.

FOREIGN OFFICERS AND CONSULS ENTER-TAINED.

General Li Tsai Hsin entered the Consular Body and officers of the foreign gunboats here at a banquet on Thursday evening at the Government House. General Li was supported by Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, and most of the heads of Government Departments and chief secretaries were present.

A part of the Kwangsi force will in future be termed the 4th Army. The troops commanded by General Chang Fat Fui will be considered as "rebels."

The territorial circuits of Yanchow, Linchow, and Luichow, whose port is Pakhoi, will have a commissioner for foreign affairs of their own.

The Provincial Committee of the Kuomintang formally welcomed Generals Chen Ming Shu and Hsu Ching Tang on Thursday. They were described as "the heroes of East River campaign against the Reds."

FIRMNESS NEEDED.

The bad policy of allowing students to petition the Government Authorities to dismiss their teachers is being allowed to go on in Canton, despite the desire of the present Administration to curtail further extremist activities of workers and students. The Provincial Party Committee of the Kuomintang have supported the petition to dismiss President Tai Chi Tao and Vice-President Chu Chia Hua, of the Sun Yat Sen University, from their posts and will recommend the Political Council to comply with the request of the students.

Arrests and executions of "Reds" and other opponents of the present officials in Canton continue. Otherwise, there is not much change in the present situation.

"REDS" QUELLED IN THE PROVINCES.

Local Authorities deny all rumours to the effect that the northern and eastern border towns of Kwangtung are being invaded. In fact, they claim that the "Red" outbreak is now quelled.

CHINA PRODUCING WESTERN GOODS.

THE CANTON EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition of Home Goods being held under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at Canton although on a small scale, shows what China can do in the way of imitating Western goods. Chinese biscuits and other bakery products do not appear to have improved much, but the need for scientific baking and canning is appreciated, and attractive labels and fancy boxes, are being freely used. Toilet articles, such as perfumes and soaps, once the exclusive product of foreign manufacturers and only sold in foreign style drug shops—have been closely imitated both in quality and packing. Some excellent goods of this kind are being shown. China has now makers of violins, but at present they have not progressed to the standard they aim at. That the Chinese are beginning to study Western music more and more is generally admitted, but it is doubtful whether the love for it warrants the home production of instruments, particularly the violin. Tooth brushes, made by hand, compare favourably with the imported article.

MANCHESTER'S INTEREST.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.
SERIES OF LECTURES BY PROF. SOOTHILL.

HOW BRITAIN AND AMERICA CAN HELP.

Professor W. E. Soothill, who is Professor of Chinese at Oxford University and one of the greatest living authorities on China, lectured on "China's story" at the Manchester University on January 16th. This was the first of a series of public lectures on China which he is giving at the University, and in which the Manchester Chamber of Commerce is taking a special interest.

Mr. F. A. Lauder, hon. secretary of the China section of the Chamber of Commerce, who presided, said that although the Chamber was primarily interested in trade, the basis of good trade was peace and stability, and the Chamber was necessarily concerned with the settlement of the present disorderly state of affairs in China. The policy of the British Government in that country was consequently of enormous importance. He thought that the right policy was strict neutrality in Chinese affairs. The British Government had shown itself ready and willing to deal with China in a fair and reasonable spirit. It had shown itself ready to meet legitimate Chinese aspirations, but these changes had to be negotiated—they could not just happen—and at present there was nobody in China with whom to negotiate.

In Manchester and the country generally, usually well-informed people had the most scanty knowledge of the political and commercial conditions in China. It was so vast a subject that it was hard for the ordinary man to grasp it, yet if Anglo-Chinese relations were to be satisfactory we must have a well-informed public opinion in this country. Mr. Lauder spoke of Professor Soothill's work in China, and remarked that the Professor held the rank of mandarin.

Professor Soothill, in the course of his lecture, referred to China's ancient civilisation, and said that the chief trouble about it was that it had remained ancient too long. To compare ancient China with ancient Britain was even less reasonable than it would be to compare ancient Greece with ancient Japan. The Chinese civilisation of 4,000 years ago was the ancient civilisation of the world, but of the Chinese we know today, but of a tribe or tribes settled in a narrow belt along the bank of the Yellow River and surrounded by a vast population of barbarians.

It was customary to describe the people of China as the "peaceful Chinese," but why they should be regarded as more peace-loving than other races it was difficult to understand. A better way to put it would be to say that the Chinese were not a truly martial race. They were not nearly equal to the Japanese in that respect; they were mighty quarrellers but not bony fighters.

Speaking of Chinese culture, Professor Soothill said that if they visited the China room in the Bodleian library at Oxford University and saw the stacks of Chinese records there they would realise at once where lay the secret of China's greatness. To-day there was chaos in China, but a way out of it would be found—it must be found. China could not go back again to what it had been. The revolution had come to stay. If England and America, who had introduced the new explosive ideas into China, would get off their official stilt and harmonise their policy they could do great good for China and its people, the vast mass of whom, as he had been said, were one step ahead of starvation.

He was sure that the introduction of Western influences into China would, in the long run, be for China's good and the good of the world generally.

The Vice Chancellor of the University (Dr. Moberly) expressed thanks to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce for the interest it is taking in the lectures.

THE LATE SUB-INSPECTOR M. R. DICKSON.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.
IMPRESSIONS SCENES.

The funeral of acting Sub-Inspector M. R. Dickson, of the Hong Kong Police Force, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon.

As stated in the *Daily Press* yesterday, the deceased passed away suddenly at the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday night and a post-mortem examination was held yesterday morning to ascertain the cause of death. It is understood that the cause is still under investigation.

The cortege left the Hospital Mortuary at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and proceeded along Queen's Road, arriving at the cemetery an hour later. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, was placed in a gun-carriage drawn by 10 brother officers. Many members of the Police Force joined the procession at various points along the route, and on passing the Monument there were about sixty European Sergeants following the coffin, besides contingents of Indian and Chinese police.

In the funeral procession were the Captain Superintendent of Police (the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.L.E. (Deputy Superintendent of Police), Mr. L. H. C. Calkrop and Mr. W. Kent (Assistant Superintendents of Police), acting Chief Inspector P. Grant, Inspectors J. O'Connell, A. Clark, W. Shannon, F. E. Booker, A. J. W. Dorrington, Acting Inspector Lane, Sub-Inspectors Vincent, Ellis, Elston, Langley, and other officers.

At the main gate of the cemetery, the coffin was transferred to the shoulders of deceased's brother officers who bore it to the section reserved for members of the Hong Kong Police in the upper part of the cemetery. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiated at the graveside.

A wreath from the deceased officer's mother was lowered into the grave which was filled in by brother officers.

Wreaths were sent by the following:

His Mother: Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Reynolds, Mr. P. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. R. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. MacWalter, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Booker and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ho, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ewin, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkings, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Elston, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald.

Sub-Inspector McLennan, Sgt. Baker and Sgt. Fell; Sgts. T. O'Connor, W. Chester Woods and G. Haywood; Sgts. Banks and Wainwright; Sgts. Pointz and Barnice; Inspector Lennigan, Sgts. Kellett and O'Connell (New Fire Station); Sgts. Ritchie and Charman; Sgts. Clarke and Naughton; Sgts. Goodwin and Ryerson; Sgts. Feely and Baker.

Inspector H. J. Patterson, Inspector J. McWalter, Sgt. O'Donovan, Sgt. Condon, Sgt. Clarke and daughter, Messrs. A. J. C. Taylor and R. Dorrington, Messrs. W. G. Harison, R. A. Coleman, D. Fitcher, D. D. Bugh, J. Cargill, C. Greenwood.

Messrs. Ishmael Chan, R. Cunningham, Fung Tat Hing and Wai Po Cheung, Li Fun Kee (flower man).

Hawker's Staff, Central Police Station; Hawker's Sub-Dept., Central Police Station; Hawker's Dept., Kowloon; Members of Sergeant Mess, Central; Members of the Water Police Station; Members of the Shamshuipo Police Station; Inspectors Mess, Water Police; Officers on Cruising Launches; Water Police; Indian Contingent; W.H.W. Mess; Central; European Sergeants Mess; No. 7 Police Station; European Sergeants Mess; Yamahai Police Station; Cantonese Mess, Central Police Station; Members of the Royal Naval Yard; Police, European Revenue Officers; Police Recreation Club; Ex-Active Service Mess's Association, Messrs. Lee D'Almeida & Nephew, the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Poldham Staff.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

CONSTABLE'S UNENVIABLE RECORD.

"DON'T MIND TO GO TO GAOL."

[BY R. E. PORTER.]

There was a heavy batch of cases at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday including the unlawful possession of a rifle, armed robbery, alleged assault by a constable, illicit opium dealings and the conviction of a constable for stealing an electric torch.

At the Central Magistracy the four men alleged to have paraded a junk at Fau Tau Mun were committed for trial. One of the prisoners said that he did not mind going to gaol.

Canton had sent down an extradition requisition for two charged with serious offences at Tung Koon district.

\$75 FOR A TORCH.

The Chinese constable charged with stealing a torch from a passenger on a Shamshuipo ferry was convicted by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy. The evidence against the constable was that during a search on the ferry wharf, he took the torch from the passenger and refused to return it.

The defendant's story was that he took a torch from one of the passengers' basket but that he had returned it. The one found in his possession was his own.

Mr. Hing Shing Lo, for the defence, said that the torch had not been identified and that it would be, indeed, very unlikely for a constable to steal a torch in such a crowded place.

His Worship ruled that the question of identity was not important, as the larceny charge had been substantiated without the article being found.

As to likelihood, the Magistrate said that it was quite possible that the constable had relied on his uniform to get him through.

Mr. Lo said that if his Worship took such a view the position of constables would be most precarious, as anyone could walk up to them and accuse them of stealing their torches. His Worship said that it would be in every constable's interest to mark his own torch.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$75 or with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour. The defendant's record showed that he had no less than 28 departmental offences recorded against him during the last four and a half years.

A RIFLE AND NO PERMIT.

Saying that he wanted the rifle to protect himself against pirates, a junk master was fined \$100 at the Kowloon Magistracy by Mr. W. Schofield for having no permit. The rifle was found in defendant's junk under a heap of coal.

WOMAN HAWKER IN TROUBLE.

Charged with hawking without a licence, an elderly Chinese woman suively told Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy that she had a temporary licence and produced it.

This much tattered piece of paper was carefully scrutinised by his Worship who found that it was made out in another woman's name. "Nothing daunted, the old dame tried another dodge. 'Oh, yes,' she said, 'that might be so. You see when I was taken to the Police Station, I was so badly beaten by an Indian constable, I was unable to speak. I was therefore possibly that the interpreter had inadvertently written a wrong name on the charge sheet, but the name on this piece of paper is my right name.'

She then tried to take off her jacket to show the Magistrate the marks on her back, which she alleged were caused by the Indian constable.

His Worship stopped her and told her that those marks might have been made by her husband.

The woman grew indignant when this was interpreted to her and at once replied that her husband had been dead for some years.

After questioning the Indian constable carefully, the Magistrate said that he did not believe the woman's story and fined her \$4.

ILLICIT OPIUM.

Opium is termed by the Chinese black rice, because an addict would sooner forego his bowl of rice than be without opium. Very good prices can always be obtained for it.

A Chinese was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with having two tins of illicit opium. He was made to pay with \$250.

Another Chinese, who had 60 tins of "illicit dope" was given four months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

(Continued on next column.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

AUSTRALIAN LAW.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—As a journalist I am very diffident in regard to pointing out reportorial errors, but the importance of the prosecution initiated by the Law Society impels me to draw attention to an obvious mistake in your report in yesterday's issue. Your report makes me say that "the law in Australia differs greatly from English law" and, further, puts into my mouth the assertion that "I do not know the difference."

What I did say was that I would be surprised if there were any difference between the law in Australia and that in England (respecting the qualification of solicitors) but what the Australian law is I could not personally say. The fact that they have Bar Associations and Bar Committees there makes it obvious that they are equally jealous in upholding the rights and privileges of solicitors.

Thanking you for publishing this correction of your report. Yours, etc.,

JAS. T. DOBBIE.
Hong Kong, Feb. 9th.

POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL IMPLEMENTS.

FOUR YEARS SENTENCE.

Stating that the wire, cloth and daggers, were given to them by a man called Li Kee, two Chinese were charged before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with being in possession of implements suitable for unlawful purposes.

Inspector Fallon prosecuting, stated that on the 31st January, about 8 p.m., he received information to the effect that two men having in their possession arms, and implements suitable for unlawful purposes, were in a tea-shop in Shanghai Street. Arriving at the tea-shop the police arrested two Chinese on whose persons two daggers, wire, a piece of red cloth and a wine cup were found. On a statement by one of the prisoners a third man was arrested in a match-up in Argyle Street, Mongkok. On searching the shed a wine cup and a piece of wire were found under the occupant's pillow. Insp. Fallon further stated that these articles were similar to those used for in armed robberies, and that the defendants were about to go to Kowloon City where they intended committing an armed robbery.

The defendants all stated that the articles found in their possession were given to them by a man named Li Kee, of whom they knew nothing except that he lived in Kowloon City.

The first two defendants on whose persons daggers were found, were sentenced to four years' hard labour, while the third defendant, who was arrested in the match-up, received 3 months' hard labour.

EXTRADITION REQUISITION.

Several applications from Canton for the extradition of Chinese nationals from the Colony have failed because the Canton Government did not send down the necessary documents in time.

Bearing these past experiences in mind the Canton authorities at last showed some degree of promptitude in the case of the two Chinese charged with murder at Tung Koon village.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, handed the requisition to Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday together with a certificate from H.E. the Governor stating that Li Tsai Hsin was the Chairman of the Provisional Government of Canton and that he was the person exercising authority for the purpose of the Extradition Ordinance of 1927.

Mr. Lindell then decided to hear the case on Thursday next.

THE FAU TAU MUN PIRACY.

The four Chinese charged with pirating a junk at Fau Tau Mun on January 17th were committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

The third defendant, a police record showed, was banished in June 1926.

This man said that he had nothing to say, except that sometime ago he was tried at the Supreme Court and was discharged. He was, however, re-arrested on leaving the Court and subsequently sentenced to six months.

His Worship said that it would have been better for the accused to have kept quiet about his previous conviction.

The first defendant said that he had nothing to say, except that he would not mind being sent to gaol.

The fourth accused said that he was forced to help the robbers to dispose of their loot. He and his father were honest fishermen acting under compulsion.

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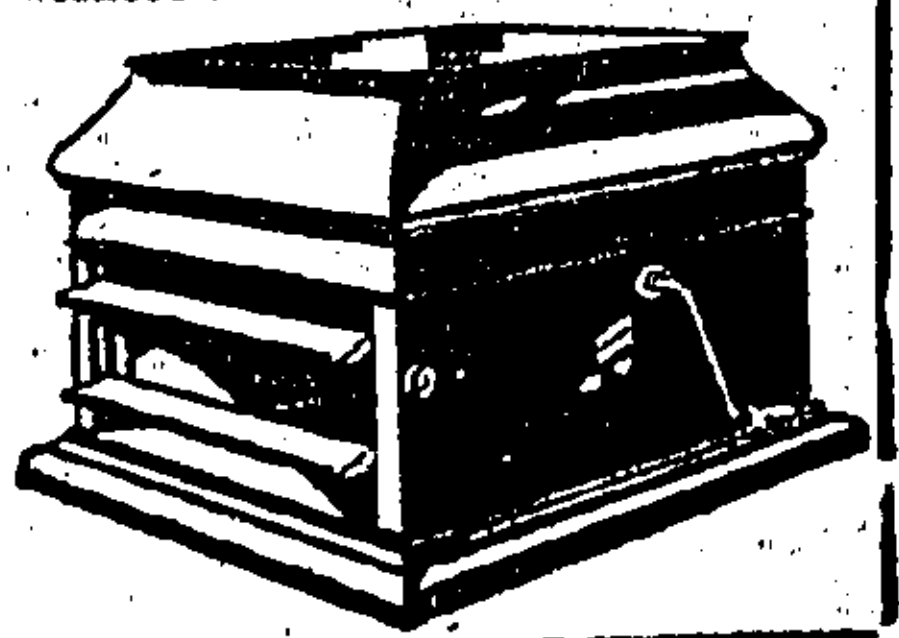
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NOTICE.

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HAROLD T. GREASY,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 9th Feb, 1928. [5873]

CYMEITHAS DEWI SANT, HONG KONG.
(St. David's Society, Hong Kong.)

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Society will be held at LANE, CRAWFORD'S RESTAURANT on THURSDAY, MARCH 1st, at 8 p.m. Members are requested to notify the undersigned as soon as possible of the Number of Tickets they require and the Names of their Guests.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary,
9, Queen's Road Central. [5872]

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will OPEN for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS at 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 13th, 14th and 15th INSTANT, and CLOSE at 12 Noon. Hong Kong, 8th Feb, 1928. [5864]

CORRECTION.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED. 6% First Mortgage Debentures (Kwailan Bonds). FIFTEENTH DRAWING. In the Notice appearing in these Columns from December 31st, 1927, to 7th January, 1928, the Number 30168 appeared under the heading "700 Bonds of £20 each, Numbered," etc. This should read 31068. [5866]

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INTIMATIONS.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 16th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the Payment to the Directors of the Yearly Sum of \$1,000.00 as an Annual Bonus in addition to the Yearly Sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st JANUARY, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 2nd JANUARY, 1927:—"That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, 1928, to THURSDAY, the 16th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, F. H. GRAFELL, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th Jan. 1928. [5825]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of this Company, No. 10, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 18th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 3.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd Feb. 1928. [5848]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th Feb. 1928. [5855]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, 12 O'CLOCK NOON, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 13th, to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th Feb. 1928. [5851]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4, DES VOUX ROAD, on TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1928, to TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th Feb. 1928. [5854]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that during the Absence on Leave of Mr. A. W. van ANDEL, Mr. F. H. J. A. LAFLAUR will act as Manager.

HOLLAND CHINA TRADING CO. [5871]

INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.
RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 16th FEBRUARY.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1928, at a Cost of \$10 Each Per Day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, Price: \$3 Per Day for all Persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KILLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 Per Day.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings.

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Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

[5826]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Weather Permitted), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Jockey Club, and CAUSEWAY BATH STABLES.

Entries will CLOSE at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

ENTRIES will CLOSE at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

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THE LINE OF DEVELOPMENT.

In the *Sociological Review* Christopher Dawson makes the following statement with reference to the Chinese: "In western nations God becomes the father substitute as the psychoanalysts have taught, whereas in China it is the father who becomes the God substitute." In the former the father's relations to the children are idealised and spiritualised and so there is established a God as father transcending all fathers, one who is endowed with all the endearing qualities we would associate with the perfect father, could he be found on earth. With the Chinese the centre of gravity is shifted from the head of the world to the head of the family. They cannot conceive of a unit that is at once effective and efficient in virtue and goodness, larger than the family. In this small group the Chinese feel that it is possible for the great virtues of love, kindness, generosity and such qualities to operate, but that they do not operate outside of that sphere. Just in so far as the bonds that unite the family in China are strong, so the bonds that unite the individual to the state are weak.

The great problem in China at the moment, therefore, is the creation of a centralised interest that is worthy, lasting and sufficiently powerful to exercise a spell so that the whole-hearted allegiance of the nation to it may be won. It is nothing less than the re-establishment of an ideal, a new ideal for the nation, one that is sufficiently wide to include the virtues of the present, and suited to the changed conditions of the world in which China finds herself. It is at such times as the present that narrow creeds must yield to broader. This enlargement of outlook in China can only be achieved by the diffusion of ideals that can command the assent of the best classes of people as well as the worst. The mistake of recent years has been the preaching of doctrines appealing to the lower instincts which only a section of the community would support. Hate, jealousy, greed and malice are not likely to promote the unification so much desired. The family virtues are the glory of China; they need not disappear, but like patriotism, as Nurse Cavell said, they are not enough for the new world situation.

China has lagged behind in the world's progress. She is now passing into the stage of nationalism when other nations are striving after a wider ideal, but possibly nationalism is a necessary phase in the forward movement. The development, however, must emerge naturally from the ancient background. The Confucian doctrine should not be discarded but re-interpreted in the light of modern needs. What Chinese have to do is precisely what western nations have done with their doctrines—treat them as living and growing, not as crystallised, unchangeable, and for ever fixed. Confucius, for example, advocated loyalty to an emperor, it does not follow that because the nation now has a republic, that such advice is no longer necessary. An emperor is but a symbol of authority. Unless the nation is going to adopt anarchy as an ideal, there must be some central authority to whom obedience must be yielded and so the Confucian canon is as binding to-day in spirit as ever it was. Likewise if Confucius asserted that charity begins at home in the family, it might now be emphasised that he did not also proclaim that it should end there. This is the way of all creeds; there is a tendency to lay stress on certain parts to the exclusion of other parts and to make the letter of more importance than the spirit.

If the modern teachers of China would only build up the new ideals on the foundations already laid, great progress would be made. The average person can grasp a new idea if it is related to ideas he already possesses, but the strange foreign importations—the queer western ideas that are wholly alien to his train of thought cannot and never will be grasped by the ordinary citizen who is not able to devote years to understanding them. The protestant spirit has crept into China through the study of western literature and has undermined that position which regards the ancient past as sacred and inviolable. The western world does reverence the past, not as an ossified and fixed structure, but as a living substance which has power of development, and adjustment with the lapse of years. There is not much material resemblance between the child and the man but somehow or other the personality and spirit of the man are implicit in the child and there is continuity. It is this attitude towards the ancient past that must be cultivated by the Chinese. They must not be enslaved by the teachings of the sages but must develop the teaching in the line of natural growth.

One Chinese case of enteric was reported on Wednesday.

The morning mail for Canton to-morrow (Saturday) will be closed at the G.P.O. and Sheungwan Branch Post Office at 6.15.

The Exchange Banks will open for the transaction of public business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next until 12 noon.

The annual dinner of the Hong Kong St. David's Society (Cymdeithas Sant) is to be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Thursday, March 1st, at 8 p.m.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Harold John Armstrong, solicitor, 1, Des Voux Road Central, and Miss Vera Joan Thwaites, residing at No. 512, The Peak.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning the two Chinese who were charged with armed robbery at a match in Tung Ton Village, Kowloon City were committed for trial at the March criminal sessions.

A hawker living in an unnumbered hut at Aberdeen was the victim of a robbery yesterday morning. Three men entered the hut, threatened the inmates and ransacked the place, getting away with property worth \$50.

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler is to give an address at the City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, February 21st, on "The Prospects of Commercial Aviation in the Far East."

A European riding a "Raleigh" motor-cycle accidentally knocked down a little Chinese girl in Nathan Road, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. The girl sustained a slight cut on her forehead, and was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

At St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday morning members of the Cathedral Women's Workers' Guild were addressed by the Rev. O. H. Hewitt on "The Church of England in the 19th Century." After the address, a meeting of the Committee of the Guild was held.

Two more cases of dog bites have been reported to the authorities. In one case an Alsatian hound, belonging to Mr. W. B. White, of No. 8, South View, Wanchai, bit, living at the same address, the animal has now been removed to Kennedy Town for observation. In the other case, a small girl named, Lena Casiro, of No. 312, Nathan Road, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital, following a bite from a dog belonging to Mr. Remedios, of the same address. The dog was sent to Mataukok.

"KATJA THE DANCER."

THE BANVARD MUSICAL COMPANY'S SUCCESS.

Last night the Banvard Company again scored a big success at the Theatre Royal in their repeat performance of "Katja The Dancer."

Hong Kong audiences are always difficult to please and one never knows whether even the best show is going to prove a success or not. It is usually the custom in Hong Kong to have an empty, or nearly so, Theatre the first two nights, and then to see it gradually fill up for the remainder of the season. This has not been the case with the Banvard Company, bookings have been particularly good and fairly large audiences have been present, but with the first-class show that is being put on, one would like to see a few more attending, especially in the Dress Circle.

However, it need only be said that last night's performance was again a great success and the very competent company carried the performance through with a swiftness and accuracy which was most enthusiastic and encores were freely given.

To-night's Show.

To-night, the Banvard Musical Company open with "Mercenary Mary" and this will be repeated again to-morrow (Saturday) night, and in addition there will be a matinee performance in the afternoon, at 4.30 p.m.

On Monday night, the Company present the famous "Black Bottom Revue," including the Tolem Pole Dance from "Rose Marie." Booking is at Moutrie's.

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SHIPPING HINTS.

SCENERY AND MEE CHANDISE.

Hong Kong starts the tourist season well, some 700 passengers being expected from the two liners, *Belgenland* (Red Star Line) and the *Empress of Australia* (C.R.R., Ltd.) both of which are expected early this morning.

The visitors can be assured of a very cordial welcome to the Colony, and we are certain that they will find Hong Kong as beautiful and as interesting as any place which they visit.

The New Territories afford many interesting glimpses of the real China, and that the scenery is particularly lovely is the opinion of every visitor. As to Hong Kong itself they will find plenty to fill in the hours of the brief visit.

In our Woman's Page some valuable hints are given on shopping in Hong Kong and the kind of things which our local merchants have to offer those who desire mementoes of the Far East.

THE NEW FLAGSHIP FOR CHINA.

H.M.S. "HAWKINS" TO BE RELIEVED BY H.M.S. "KENT."

As already announced H.M.S. *Kent* has been selected to relieve H.M.S. *Hawkins* as the flagship on the China Station. The *Kent*, to which Captain James Wolfe-Murray has been appointed in command, is one of the new 10,000 ton cruisers. She is armed with eight 8-in. and four 4-in. H.A. guns, and has a speed of over 32 knots.

It is expected, says the Naval correspondent of the *London Morning Post*, that the ship will be completed in May next, and will then proceed to the Far East to take up her duties. The cruisers *Berwick*, *Cumberland*, *Cornwall*, and *Suffolk*, all sisters of the *Kent*, are in the process of fitting out, and are all destined for the China Station, so that by the middle of this year the 5th Cruiser Squadron will consist of a homogeneous group of our most modern and powerful cruisers.

Reuter stated last week that orders had been issued that the cruiser *Concord* is to leave England on February 15th on a troopship voyage to the China Station, carrying relief crews for the gunboats on the River Yangtze and the West River.

The cruiser *Conquest*, at present the leader of the 1st Submarine Flotilla in the Mediterranean, is to be replaced by the Flotilla Leader *Douglas* in the early spring.

ITALIAN WARSHIP AT MACAO.

CREW'S TRIBUTE TO LUIZ DE CAMOES.

The crew of the Italian warship *Sebastiano Caboto*, which visited Macao recently paid homage to the Portuguese poet, Luiz de Camoes last Tuesday.

H.E. the Governor of Macao, the Italian Consul General of Hong Kong, Mr. S. Carrara, and a number of prominent officials were present at a ceremony which took place at the Grotto de Camoes.

The Commander of *Sebastiano Caboto* spoke of the Portuguese and Italian navigators, whose names were associated with the great explorations of old times and in the name of the Italian Navy he paid tribute to Luiz de Camoes, who in his poems sang so well of the glories of Portugal.

In reply H.E. the Governor conveyed his thanks for the visit of the Italian seamen to the Grotto—an event which will long be remembered by the people of Macao.

A wreath was placed at the foot of the statue of Camoes by two Italian seamen.

This warship has again returned

AMOY COMMUNIST HAUNTS DISCOVERED AND RAIDED BY POLICE.

NANKING GOVERNMENT ARRANGING A "GRAND REVIEW" OF TROOPS.

CLOSE OF THE PLENARY SESSION.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS RETURNING TO SHANGHAI.

FENGTIEN LEADERS TO MEET AGAIN IN PEKING.

IMPORTANT POST TO BE OFFERED TO GENERAL LI TSAI HSIN.

The Amoy police are still busy on the track of the "Reds," and it is reported that recently they arrested fourteen and seized a quantity of communist literature.

The Kuomintang Plenary Session at Nanking appears to have ended as abruptly as it started, and several members of the Executive Committee, including Marshal Chiang Kai Shek are preparing to return to Shanghai.

In honour of the Nanking Conference it is proposed to hold a "grand review" of troops.

Marshal Chiang, it is reported in the vernacular Press, intends to appoint General Li Tsai Hsin chief of staff.

AMOY COMMUNISTS RAIDED.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 9th. A number of Communist haunts in Amoy were discovered and thoroughly raided by the police on the 6th inst. Fourteen Communist leaders were arrested and a quantity of "Red" literature and documents were seized.

A "GRAND REVIEW."

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 9th. The Nanking Government is arranging to hold a grand review of troops in honour of the Plenary Session.

Nanking Government has received a report from the front on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to the effect that the Southerners have clashed with the Northerners near Lincheng, Southern Shantung. With the close of the Kuomintang Conference, the majority of the Executive members, including Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, are preparing to leave Nanking for Shanghai to-day or to-morrow.

FENGTIEN MILITARY CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 9th. General Chang Tsung Chang and Sun Chuan Fang have telegraphed to Marshal Chiang Tso Lin to the effect that they are about to proceed to Peking in order to consult with him regarding military plans against the Southerners.

Marshal Chang has, in consequence, ordered other Fengtienese leaders not to leave Peking for their respective quarters so that an extended conference may be held to reconsider a general strategic programme.

HUNANESE TROOPS IN TOUCH WITH CANTON.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9th. It is understood that General Pei Chung Hui has successfully completed his operations in Hunan and has established communication with Canton.

It is rumoured that he may now enter Southern Kiangsi for the purpose of suppressing Chang Fat Fui who is at present in the neighbourhood of the Kwangtung-Kiangsi border with 10,000 men.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF DR. C. C. WU.

SHOT AT IN SINGAPORE.

DR. LIM BOON KENG WOUNDED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SINGAPORE, Feb. 8th. Dr. C. C. Wu, the prominent Kuomintang member and former Foreign Minister in the Nanking Government, who is at present here with other Nationalist leaders on a world tour, was fired at when leaving the Chinese Chamber of Commerce building, but was not injured.

Dr. Lim Boon Keng, former Principal of the Amoy University, was slightly wounded at the same time. The assassin has been arrested. [Dr. C. C. Wu is the son of the late Dr. Wu Ting Fang, who recently resigned the post of Foreign Minister in the Nanking Government.]

Dr. Lim Boon Keng is known as an educational reformer. He was for many years a member of the Singapore Legislative Council, and has always actively associated himself with the public life of that Colony. He holds the O.B.E. decoration and became head of the Amoy University in 1923.

LONDON'S DRIVER-LESS TRAINS.

POST OFFICE TUBE RAILWAY.

CONTROLLED FROM SWITCH CABINS.

35 MILES AN HOUR UNDERGROUND.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 9th. The Post Office tube railway, in which driverless trains will travel at 35 miles an hour and will carry mails underground through London, comes into full operation on Monday. It is the first railway of its kind in the world and was begun early in the war. It is 6½ miles long and extends from Paddington Post Office in West London via intermediate stations to Whitechapel in the East.

It is laid in a tunnel nine feet in diameter on a two feet gauge double track except in stations where the track runs into double tunnels. Being driverless the trains are controlled from switch cabins at each station.

The tube will effect a great saving in time and will relieve street traffic by reducing the number of postal vans.

BALKAN BANDITS.

SAVAGELY ATTACK TWO BRITISH OFFICIALS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

BELOGRADE, Feb. 8th. Bandits waylaid and attacked Mr. J. Purcell, British Consul at Korce, Albania, while he was out motoring near Vrochiste on the Serbo-Albanian frontier, with an Englishman, Major Barrowick, who is inspector of the Albanian Police. The car was wrecked.

BOBSLEIGHING AT ST. MORITZ.

LORD NORTHEK'S REMARKABLE FEAT.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, February 9th. A new record at Saint Moritz was created by Lord Northesk yesterday, who accomplished a full length run of 1,320 yards in a bobsleigh race in 58.5 seconds. During the race he did three runs in less than a minute each.

RESTRICTIONS ON RUBBER EXPORTS.

CIVIL RESEARCH COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE.

CONDITIONS UNCHANGED AT PRESENT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 8th. The Prime Minister has asked the Committee of Civil Research to consider the operation and effects of the present restrictions on rubber exports and to consider whether the restrictions should be left unchanged, modified or removed, and also to submit recommendations regarding the policy to be adopted, and the steps to give effect to it. The report of the Committee's proceedings will be confidential. Meanwhile the existing scheme will remain unchanged pending consideration of the Committee's report.

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FRANCE'S PROTEST TO SPAIN.

PETROL MONOPOLY DETRIMENTAL.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Oslo, Feb. 8th. The Storting, the Norwegian Parliament, today passed a vote of censure on the Labour Government by 64 votes to 63. Consequently, the Hornum Government will resign on February 10th. [The Government recently introduced legislation cutting down defence estimates and cancelling military training for 1928.]

WELCOMING THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

A NON-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY DINNER.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 9th. The Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Amery) will return to his Parliamentary duties this week and arrangements have been made for a dinner of the Empire Parliamentary Association to be held in his honour on Wednesday night at the House of Commons.

The object of the dinner is to give Mr. Amery a non-party Parliamentary welcome home on the completion of his official tour of all the Dominions.

The Speaker of the House of Commons will preside and the principal toast will be proposed by Mr. Thomas, who was Colonial Secretary in the Labour Government.

IN MEMORY OF EARL HAIG. NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO BE ERECTED.

GOVERNMENT MOTION CARRIED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 8th. On a motion, proposed by Mr. Baldwin, a resolution was passed in favour of petitioning the King to direct that a monument be erected at the public charge in memory of Earl Haig with an inscription paying tribute to his illustrious career and devoted services.

A Labour amendment, moved by Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, in favour of the appointment of a select committee to consider the most fitting form of national memorial to Earl Haig, "in view of his known concern for the comfort and welfare of ex-Servicemen, their widows and dependents," was defeated by 220 votes to 103.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY COMMONS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 8th. The House of Commons adopted a resolution in favour of erecting a monument to the public charge to Earl Haig. Mr. Baldwin paid an eloquent tribute to the late Field Marshal which was endorsed by Labour and Liberal speakers who all laid special emphasis on Earl Haig's work after the war in helping ex-service men. The establishment of some institution to carry on this work was generally favoured.

THE PRAYER BOOK MEASURE.

DEBATE IN HOUSE OF LAITY.

DISSENT FROM CHAIRMAN'S VIEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 8th. Prior to the meeting of the House of Laity the three Houses met in prayer when the Archbishop of Canterbury announced that it was estimated that under 700 churches practised continuous reservation of the Sacrament. On Monday the Archbishop had intimated that the refusal of general approval by one House would summarily bring the Prayer Book Measure to an end. To this is due the interest attaching to yesterday's emotional unfinished debate in the House of Laity, whose 352 members constitute the largest section of the Church Assembly.

There were twenty speakers today. The Earl of Selborne, who is presiding, said amid cries of dissent that the majority of 39 English Commoners in the House of Commons division voiced the opinion of the English people and the opinion of the English people would prevail in the long run in despite of Scots, Irish and Welsh. The Earl of Selborne exhorted the House to put behind them in voting.

AMERICAN FINANCIER DEAD.

MR. WATSON FRANKLIN BLAIR.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

Chicago, Feb. 8th. The death is announced of Mr. Watson Franklin Blair, a retired financial magnate.

[Mr. Blair was born in Michigan City in 1854. He was with the pork and beef packing firm of Culbertson, Blair and Company until 1877, and was engaged in the grain commission business on the Chicago Board of Trade as Blair and Company until he retired in 1890. For several years he was a director of the Merchants' National Bank (founded by his father) which in 1902 was amalgamated with the Corn Exchange National Bank, when a gift of \$100,000 was distributed amongst the employees.]

HINKLER'S SOLO FLIGHT.

NOW AT MALTA.

TAKES OUT UNIQUE POLICY.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, February 9th. The second stage of Captain Hinkler's solo flight to Australia on a light Metro Avion aeroplane was completed yesterday when he reached Malta from Rome. Hinkler has taken out a unique policy with Lloyd's, under which for a premium of £2,150 he will be paid a sum increasing in arithmetical progression for each day taken of the record of 28 days set up by the Smith brothers. If it is accomplished in 17 days the sum payable under the policy will extend to £1,000 pounds.

SIR A. COBHAM'S STEADY PROGRESS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 9th. Sir Allan Cobham is making steady progress in his around-Africa flight. He reached Port Bell, Kampala, yesterday from Mwanza, after having made a reconnaissance of Lake Victoria.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW SUBMARINES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 9th. The new Australian submarines left Portsmouth for Sydney yesterday. They are due at Gibraltar on Sunday.

YUGO-SLAV STABILIZATION LOAN.

BANKING GROUPS CONCERNED.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN INTERESTS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BELOGRADE, Feb. 8th. In connection with the agreement concluded at Belgrade for the new Yugo-Slav Stabilization and Public Works Loan, it is understood that the Anglo-American Banking groups concerned have agreed to issue a loan up to £50,000,000 sterling. The first instalment will be £15,000,000 and will be issued before April 1st. The groups include Rothschilds, Baring Brothers, Henry Schroeder & Co., and Hambros Bank in London, and Blair & Co., Chase National Bank, and Kuhn & Loeb in New York.

Cabinet Resigns. The Yugo-Slav Cabinet has resigned in order to facilitate the settlement of the political situation following the recent resignation of ministers belonging to the Democratic Party.

GERMAN TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

UNFAIR RUSSIAN BUSINESS METHODS.

DELEGATION ARRIVES IN BERLIN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Berlin, Feb. 8th. Despite the credit of £15,000,000 guaranteed by the German Government with the object of stimulating Russo-German trade, the expected improvement in it has not materialized. During last year numerous complaints were made by the German of unfair Russian business methods and violations of the Russo-German Commercial Treaty. With the purpose of clearing up various points of dispute and giving a fresh impetus to German trade with Russia, a commercial delegation comprising M. Scheinmann, President of the Russian State Bank, M. Rudatek, the Trade Commissioner, and three trade experts have arrived in Berlin to confer with representatives of the German Government, trade and industry.

THE NURSE CAVELL FILM.

GERMAN PROTEST.

REVIVING PAINFUL MEMORIES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 8th. The proposed exhibition in London of the British film dealing with the execution of Nurse Cavell has led to an official German protest. The Foreign Office at Berlin has made a statement that the German Ambassador in London and the German Minister in Brussels are endeavouring to prevent the exhibition of the film which can only revive painful memories and embitter relations between the countries.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

THE ARBITRATION TREATIES.

NO NAVAL COMPETITION.

LESSONS OF THE RECENT CONFERENCE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 9th. Sir Austen Chamberlain, following his review in the House of Commons debate on the King's Speech of Anglo-Chinese relationship, dealt with our policy with regard to the United States. Referring to the future of the three-Power naval conference at Geneva, Sir Austen Chamberlain said: "I do not think we should be well advised to take up the subject again at this moment, but I hope that the Governments who were represented at that conference and other governments interested in but not parties to it may learn from that failure so that when the time comes to review the Washington Convention, and as I hope, to make a new one, profiting by the lessons of the past we may succeed where last year we failed."

Arbitration Treaty. In regard to the proposed new arbitration treaty with the United States the Foreign Secretary said: "The New Treaty, like the old, is not an unlimited treaty of arbitration on every difference. Like the old Root-Byrnes treaty it is confined to what are called justiciable differences. But like the old treaty it excepts certain questions even if they be justiciable from its scope. It proposes not indeed a repetition of the old reservations but an adoption of new reservations or exceptions in their place and the exact effect of those reservations is just one of many important questions which the British Government are at this moment carefully examining in order to ascertain whether the treaty is in fact of wider scope or it may be of a narrower scope but in either case the American Government found it necessary to reserve the constitutional right of the Senate to be consulted on each individual reference to the court of arbitration. That was a reservation which found a place in the existing treaty but was a reservation of a very wide scope and most important character. We must enter into full correspondence and consultation with the Governments of the Dominions overseas before we could give our answer to the proposal made."

A Second Treaty. "But there is a second treaty existing between ourselves and the United States to which I think sometimes insufficient attention is paid. It is the Bryan-Spring Rice treaty which provides that before we enter into any dispute the matter should be referred to a commission of conciliation and that a year's time should be given and we should await the report of that commission before we take up arms. I am not at all sure that at the present stage in Europe it may not be the case that the next advance may be made rather along the lines of that treaty than along strict lines of an arbitration agreement. At any rate, when we are talking about treaties of arbitration, let us not forget the very important and very useful and salutary provisions of the treaty signed between Mr. Bryan and the late Sir Cecil Spring Rice."

"I can scarcely speak of arbitration with the United States either in its narrow or larger sense," added Sir Austen, "without saying once again that whatever our position and let us make it the best we can for the British Government - war with the United States is unthinkable and the prospect of war with the United States or preparation for war with the United States has never been and will never be our policy in any field."

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Indications of Success. With reference to the King's Speech, the proposed revision of the Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty as regarded by American officials as favourable as there are indications of success in the negotiations, which will begin immediately the present Treaty expires in June.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

No Naval Competition.

LONDON, Feb. 8th. A Reuter message adds that Sir Austen Chamberlain, dealing with the relations between Great Britain and America, stated that preparation for war was never had been and never would be the basis of British policy. British shipbuilding was not competitive, and our programmes were framed solely with the view to necessary protection of British interests.

Meanwhile there were other Anglo-American negotiations pending; namely, the Arbitration Treaty which America had submitted to the British Government, and the Franco-American Treaty of the exact contents of which Sir Austen had not yet been apprised, was not the same as the original draft, but the new treaty, like the old, was not an unlimited treaty of arbitration in every difficulty.

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BY-ELECTIONS PENDING.

ST. IVES AND MIDDLESBOROUGH.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 9th. The appointment of Mr. John Anthony Hawke to be a Judge of the High Court creates a vacancy in the Parliamentary representation of Saint Ives, Cornwall, where at the general election Mr. Hawke, as a Conservative, gained the seat with a majority of 1,200 over the Liberal opponent. The death of Mr. Trevelyan Thomson necessitates a by-election in Middlesbrough where he was returned unopposed as a Liberal at the General Election.

H.M.S. "NELSON."

OFFICIAL TRIALS "COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY."

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 9th. It is authoritative stated that the new British battleship Nelson, in her official trials last year, developed, without undue forcing, horsepower of 46,000 and a mean speed of 25½ knots. The manoeuvring was completely satisfactory. Her designed horsepower was 43,000 and her speed 25 knots.

The Nelson is the flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Hubert Brand, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet and is now engaged on a Spring cruise in the Mediterranean. Further experience of her powers has produced satisfaction.

NETHERLANDS AND PETROLEUM.

COMPANY LICENSED TO PROSPECT.

AMERICA'S LACK OF GOODWILL.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE HAGUE, Feb. 8th. The First Chamber of the States General have adopted a Bill authorising the Government to conclude contracts with the Netherlands Colonial Petroleum Company for prospecting and exploiting petroleum in Palembang, Rembang, Semarang and Madoera. Replying to a question as to whether the American Government had appointed a committee to examine how purchases of American oil by foreign capital might be prevented, the Minister of the Colonies said that the lack of goodwill of the American Government had attracted his attention, but since the course of negotiations regarding the admission of American capital for exploitation of oil in the Dutch East Indies, America and the Netherlands agreed on a principle of reciprocity. He was waiting for America to carry out that promise.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.

TEXT MADE PUBLIC.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

Paris, Feb. 8th. The text of the Franco-American Arbitration Treaty has been issued. The treaty provides that in dispute, when ordinary diplomatic proceedings have failed, be referred to the permanent International Commission created by the Bryan Arbitration Treaty of 1914. Arbitration procedure does not apply to questions falling under the national jurisdiction of either party, or to questions affecting the interests of third powers, or to matters depending on or affecting the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine or the observance of France's engagements in conformity with the League Covenant.

FRENCH AIRMEN ARRIVE AT WASHINGTON.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8th. The French airmen, M. Costes and M. Lebrun have arrived and were received by the Secretaries of War and the Navy, the French Ambassador, M. Claudel, the acting Secretary of State and many flying officers.

"They would have to enter into the fullest correspondence and consultation with the Dominions' Governments before answering the American proposals."

In dealing with the Naval programme Sir Austen said that the Government's naval programmes were framed with a view to the necessary protection of British interests. The Government's action in modifying the cruiser programme sufficiently showed that the failure of the Geneva Conference had not lessened their desire to modify naval construction.

"A MYSTERIOUS BUSINESS."

SHIPPING TALLYMAN'S OVERCHARGES.

CLEARED OVER \$13,000 FOR HIMSELF.

CURIOUS BUSINESS METHODS.

Some remarkable revelations were made at the Supreme Court yesterday morning during a case which before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan). It was alleged that a former employee and tallyman of the Kwong Sang Hong firm, of 250-252, Des Vaux Road Central, had defrauded his employers of over \$13,000, charging freight at five, seven, and sometimes nine times the amount actually paid to the shipping companies.

The Kwong Sang Hong, Ltd., claimed \$13,106.55 from Chan Kau, alias Chan Sai Fong, this being the amount which was alleged to have defrauded plaintiffs.

During the case, His Lordship expressed surprise at the failure of the employers to detect the frauds during a period of years, and remarked that it was a wonder that disaster had not overtaken them as a business concern.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the plaintiffs, defendant being absent, and not represented.

Opening the case, Mr. Jenkin said that it was an action of an unusual nature in that the case which gave rise to the plaintiff's case constituted a felony as set out in the statement of claim.

Plaintiffs were well-known local manufacturers and wholesale dealers in perfumery, soap and other toilet requisites and as part of their business they shipped large quantities of these products to parts of North-China.

For the purpose of carrying on that part of the business they employed the defendant as tallyman at a salary of \$21 a month. Defendant had been in their employ for a great number of years. In August of last year, the defendant's appearance of affluence caused the plaintiffs to interrogate him. Defendant's reply was that he was proprietor of the Yue Fung Yuen firm, and that he was carrying on trade as a merchant in Hong Kong.

Plaintiffs were not satisfied and discharged him. Another person was employed as tallyman to look after the shipment of goods and it then transpired that the defendant had been defrauding them for at least three years, the sum total amounting to that claimed in the writ.

The Method Followed.

When the plaintiffs wanted to ship goods it was defendant's duty to go to shipping agents and arrange with them which goods should be shipped. After this had been done he would get a debit note for the amount of the freight.

Assuming he got one for \$100 he would keep it and make out a fresh one, which would be forged, and present it to his employers. Supposing the forged debit note was for \$400 he would get the money from his employers and give them a forged receipt. He would then pocket the difference, paying the shipping agent the \$100 and getting a receipt which he would tear up.

The way in which this practice was discovered, was that, after defendant had gone and a new employee collected the freight bills, the plaintiffs discovered that for some reason or other the shipping agents, who were the same as before, were charging about 75 per cent. less than they appeared to have done for a number of years. They then interviewed the shipping agents and discovered that for a number of years the latter had only been paid 25 per cent. of the amounts given to defendant, by plaintiffs for payment of freights. The receipts plaintiffs had received from the defendant were then discovered to be forged.

His Lordship (to witnesses): It seems to me very remarkable that you should not have realised that you were being overcharged?

Witness explained that when the defendant came back from the shipping agents he gave different measurements as regards the shipments.

His Lordship said it was extraordinary that the defendant, being paid \$21 a month should have been trusted to the extent that statements he made were taken for granted.

Commenting that it was a mysterious business His Lordship said he would have thought that disaster would have overtaken the man many years ago.

Case Adjourned.

Witness proved various amounts from the account books until he arrived at a certain amount which he said he could not give evidence about.

He was asked by His Lordship why not, as he had written it, and witness then replied that he did not.

On further questions being asked, it was ascertained that the accountant should have proved the accounts, and not the manager, who was giving evidence. His Lordship adjourned the case until tomorrow (Continued on next Column.)

TO THE WILDS FOR ORCHIDS.

1,000-MILE EXPEDITION UP THE AMAZON.

RARE SPECIMENTS.

A Derby man, Mr. Cecil S. Garrett, F.L.S., F.C.S., F.G.S., and a scientist well known for his mineral researches, is shortly leaving England to lead a scientific expedition on the banks of the Amazon, there to gather facts and collect orchids. Efforts are to be made to solve problems of orchid culture by an examination in the wilds.

Mr. Garrett will be the only Englishman of the party, which has been commissioned by the National Geographic Society of America to make a large series of natural colour photographs of orchids in the wild. Specimens will also be obtained for Kew Gardens, and the Orchid Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society is helping.

On Untrodden Soil.

The party will work radially from Manaus—over 1,000 miles up the Amazon—during the dry season, which commences in March, when the orchids are in bloom. An idea of the task before the expedition may be gathered from the fact that a great deal of jungle previously untrodden by white men will be traversed.

Amazonia is roamed by head-hunters, cannibals, who use poisoned darts through air tubes against their foes, and some of the most deadly snakes—anacondas, boas, constrictors, etc.—are likely to be encountered where the orchids are the loveliest.

Discussing the expedition to-day, Mr. Garrett said: "One of our tasks is to find why it is that in some of the genera we cannot raise seeds of orchids in anything like a natural way. Seeds of the *Odonoglossum*, the *Cypripedium*, and the *Cattleya*, for instance, are raised in tubes and flasks on a culture medium, a jelly, as bacteria are obtained.

On Tree-Tops.

A great number of the most beautiful orchids are epiphytes, or air plants, growing on the tops and outermost branches of trees. It has usually been supposed that the plants obtain their nourishment from the air alone, but, of course, they cannot by such means obtain the constituents of their ash.

The problem is, where and how they get their solid substances. I hope to ascertain a good deal about the actual value of the light in the Amazon Forests and upon distribution of the fungi and the competition and character of the detritus and residues from which the plants do not get their food. These and other factors bear on the germination of the seeds in natural conditions, which we have not yet been able to reproduce under artificial conditions."

(Saturday) morning for the accountants to attend and tender the necessary evidence.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of the defendant on September 29th, 1927, but he fled the Colony and there had been no trace of him or his whereabouts since. A reward of \$5,000 was offered for information regarding the man but this had brought no result. Mr. Jenkin thought the evidence would make it clear that he was not available for prosecution.

"Proceedings, indicated" counsel, had been taken under Foreign Attachment under which the defendant's property could be sold and the proceeds paid into Court. Counsel then quoted law in support of his contention that it was always necessary to bring a criminal case before a civil action, evidence also being called to show that everything possible had been done to get to know the defendant's whereabouts and to bring about his arrest.

Mr. Jenkin handed to His Lordship a document showing the freight charges by various shipping agents compared with those charged by the defendant to his firm. His Lordship commented that it was astonishing that such a big overcharge should have been carried on for so long.

Sir Henry Gollan pointed out that in one instance whereas the shipping agent's charge was 75 cents a case the defendant had charged his firm at the rate of \$5 per cent. In another instance he had charged nine times as much.

An employee of the plaintiff firm went into the witness box, giving proof of the manner in which the firm had been defrauded.

Asked by His Lordship whether it was not a remarkable thing that the firm had paid so much more than the actual freight for so long a period, plaintiff replied that at the time of the European War freights were very high.

His Lordship then pointed out an instance of March 22nd, 1923, about four and a half years after the war ended, when 161 cases of goods were shipped to Newchwang and the proper freight rate was \$61. The amount actually paid over to the defendant by the Kwong Sang Hong was \$224—\$533 in excess being more than five times the amount of the correct charge.

PEACE MOVE IN INDUSTRY.

JOINT MEETING IN LONDON.

SIR ALFRED MOND ON "SPLENDID SPIRIT."

MR. BEN TURNER SAYS "MAGNIFICENT."

LONDON, Jan. 12th.

Impressive dignity was the keynote of the opening meeting in London yesterday afternoon of the conference to secure good will in industry. Twenty-seven leading British employers and 30 members of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress sat together at the headquarters of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., for more than three hours discussing the broad outlines of the problem.

Sir Alfred Mond, who was chairman, suggested that the conference should investigate:

The effect of taxes and rates on the industrial community. The causes and avoidance of trade disputes.

The worker's interest in the prosperity of his industry. The creation of a permanent committee to consult on industrial topics.

Mr. Ben Turner, chairman of the Trades Union Congress General Council, said:

The conference should be a serious move to preserve the nation's industries and find means of getting out of the present chaos.

After the meeting the following views were expressed by these speakers to a *Daily Mail* reporter:

Sir Alfred Mond.—No one could have wished for anything better. The spirit was really splendid.

Mr. Ben Turner.—It was the most magnificent conference which it has ever been my privilege to attend. No one could imagine a better atmosphere than actually existed.

It was announced by the employers that they had appointed a committee to facilitate the comprehensive inquiry which will be necessary. The proceedings were adjourned to allow the General Council of the T.U.C. to appoint a similar committee at a special meeting on Wednesday week.

CO-PARTNERS.

SIR A. MOND ON WORKERS' ASPIRATIONS.

Sir Alfred Mond, in his opening speech to the conference, said that the representative employers were there in their individual capacity as a body of men who could claim to have had long, intimate, and executive knowledge and responsibility of industrial affairs, and who had spent their lives not in receiving the fruits of industry but in creating them.

They fully realised the aspirations and position of their co-partners in industry, those who were working with them in the factory, on the railway, in the shop.

It was not part of the present meeting to go into the more detailed problems of the various industries. Those problems must be dealt with by the industries themselves. What was to be considered were the general lines of policy which they could recommend, particular application of which must be determined by the various industries in the way most suitable to each.

New Trend Of Industry.

He desired to point out the importance of conference not during times of dispute or friction, but the continuous examination of industrial conditions to see how and in what way the partners in industry could improve the position of the industry and all those engaged in it.

During the last generation the whole trend of industry had altered. The changes which had been introduced had tended to eliminate the personal touch and the human factor. That important factor must be kept in existence.

All this involved an examination into problems such as:

The better organization of existing industries, by means of amalgamation, rationalisation, introduction of new processes and of new methods, both technical and administrative.

Among the considerations under this head were the methods of dealing with those who might become eliminated as workers owing to the introduction of methods which improved the industry as a whole, through carefully prepared methods of transference, and greater mobility of labour, and by a system of compensation and pension, which would help in providing for the man who had done his duty to the industry in the past and give him the leisure to which he was entitled.

Security For Workers.

Another important question was the improvement of the security and status of the worker. It was necessary that the conventional idea that the man in the factory was of either less status or importance than the man in the office should be abolished. It must be recognised that he was an integral

part of the profit-earning capacity of industry and that he should have security of employment such as standing wages, and through works councils he should be able to discuss in a friendly way daily difficulties that arose.

He should receive information and be given an interest in what the business he was employed in was doing and feel that he was not merely a machine but a part of service to his fellow-countrymen.

Among the social problems which should be investigated were questions such as housing, health, and Unemployment. Insurance schemes with a view to adapting them so as to enable industries to obtain the best advantages. The educational methods in vogue to-day and how they could best be adapted to the modern needs of industry should also be discussed.

Avoiding Strikes.

Sir Alfred also enumerated the following topics for proposed investigation and discussion:—

The effect of national taxation and rates upon the developments of the industrial community.

Investigation into the causes of trade disputes and the best way of endeavouring to avoid them. Participation on the basis that the worker was not merely entitled to a fixed percentage or wage, but a man interested in the general prosperity of his industry.

The creation of some permanent standing committee to meet for consultation from time to time on topics affecting industry.

The problems they were attacking were fundamental and complex, but none of them was insoluble. With mutual good will and forbearance and recognition of each other's points of view and difficulties, there was no reason why they should not obtain results of a far-reaching and beneficial character.

They could not expect to create a new heaven on earth, but if they could give this country freedom from industrial disputes through industrial co-operation and the united effort of all engaged in industry, co-operation and the treatment of industrial problems, they should place this country, which had always been a leader in these matters in the forefront.

Implement Agreements.

Mr. Ben Turner, for the Trades Union Congress General Council, said he hoped that the other side would be able to indicate what steps they proposed to take to secure the greatest possible amount of support for and the widest possible adoption of the agreed principles.

The General Council claimed a certain moral authority in the trade union movement, and had the power to call a National Congress of Affiliated Unions for the consideration of important national questions. The Council could then make a great deal to implement agreements, even though it fell short of possessing direct executive authority.

Each side entered into the conversations without prejudice and without surrendering principles which they held to be fundamental, and without committing themselves in advance to any propositions except that of the vital importance of finding a just and lasting solution of the industrial problems confronting them.

The conference should not be a mental boxing match, but a serious move made by the representatives and responsible men and women to preserve the nation's industries and to find ways and means of getting out of the present industrial chaos and putting the people and the country's trade on the highway to comfort and prosperity.

Better Feeling Already.

Rome was not built in a day, nor could they arrive at well-thought-out conclusions in a hurry. The very fact of their meeting was giving rise to better industrial relationships.

A general discussion followed, after which Sir Alfred Mond stated that with a view to the facilitation of work the employers had appointed a committee, consisting of himself as chairman, Lord Londonderry, Sir David Milne-Watson, Sir Hugo Hogg, Lord Ashfield, Lord Warr, the Hon. Vernon Wicks, and Mr. J. Conway Davies as secretary.

Mr. Ben Turner stated that the general council had not yet decided on the appointment of a committee. The matter could be considered at a special session of the general council, and on the appointment of their committee the two committees would confer about further arrangements.

It was agreed that the chairman at the next meeting should be Mr. Ben Turner, and that the chair should be occupied subsequently by Sir Alfred Mond and Mr. Turner alternately.

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The effect of the long and dreary winter and of the lack of sunlight is now being counteracted through the scientific use of electricity in Sweden. Interesting experiments in applying ultraviolet rays to chickens are being carried out at the experimental station of the Swedish Department of Agriculture in Stockholm. Every fortnight out of the eggs hatched at this station five groups of chickens are fed with exactly the same rations, while only two of these groups are exposed to ultra-violet rays. In this way the effect of the radiation can be measured and evidence about this feeding method can be gained. Another interesting experiment has been made to ascertain the nutritive value of stored green fodder, prepared with electricity. Excellent results have thus been gained, but up to now this method has proved too expensive.

Electric light during the winter months as a substitute for bright daylight has yielded excellent results both in poultry-yards and hot-houses, where the light is gradually adapted so as to correspond to the dawn and twilight. Especially for bulbous plants and cucumber this method has proved to be of great value, but flowers have also been raised with extremely good results in this way. The consequence is that at Christmas the electric hotbeds of Sweden yield big and beautiful flowers similar to those of Midsummer.

BRITISH COAL FOR CANADA.

TAKING THE PLACE OF U.S. ANTHRACITE.

PROMISING OUTLOOK.

Canada's imports of British coal are steadily increasing, and in the opinion of traders are likely to replace to a considerable degree the supplies of anthracite from the United States.

I am told by the Hon. Charles Stewart, Canadian Minister of Mines that during 1927 at least \$2,800,000 worth of British coal was imported into Canada, which was paid to British coal exporters for coal and anthracite. Moreover, there is every indication that the demand for British fuel will increase.

Coal imports from Britain have been steadily growing for the last five years, and the Dominion Fuel Board, a Branch of Mr. Stewart's department, seeks every opportunity to co-operate with the British exporters in the promotion of trade.

Mr. Stewart makes it plain that the enlarging market in the Dominion for British coal must be restricted in the main to fuel for domestic purposes—Welsh or Scottish anthracite. Bituminous coal from British sources has comparatively little chance, under present conditions, of any large market in Canada.

Both Ontario and Quebec are depending more and more on cheap hydro-electric power for industrial purposes, and where steam is still used coal can now be secured at low rates either from the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick mines, or from the United States.

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CHILD'S RIGHT TO A FAMOUS NAME.

LOVE ROMANCE OF A DEAD FLYING "ACE."

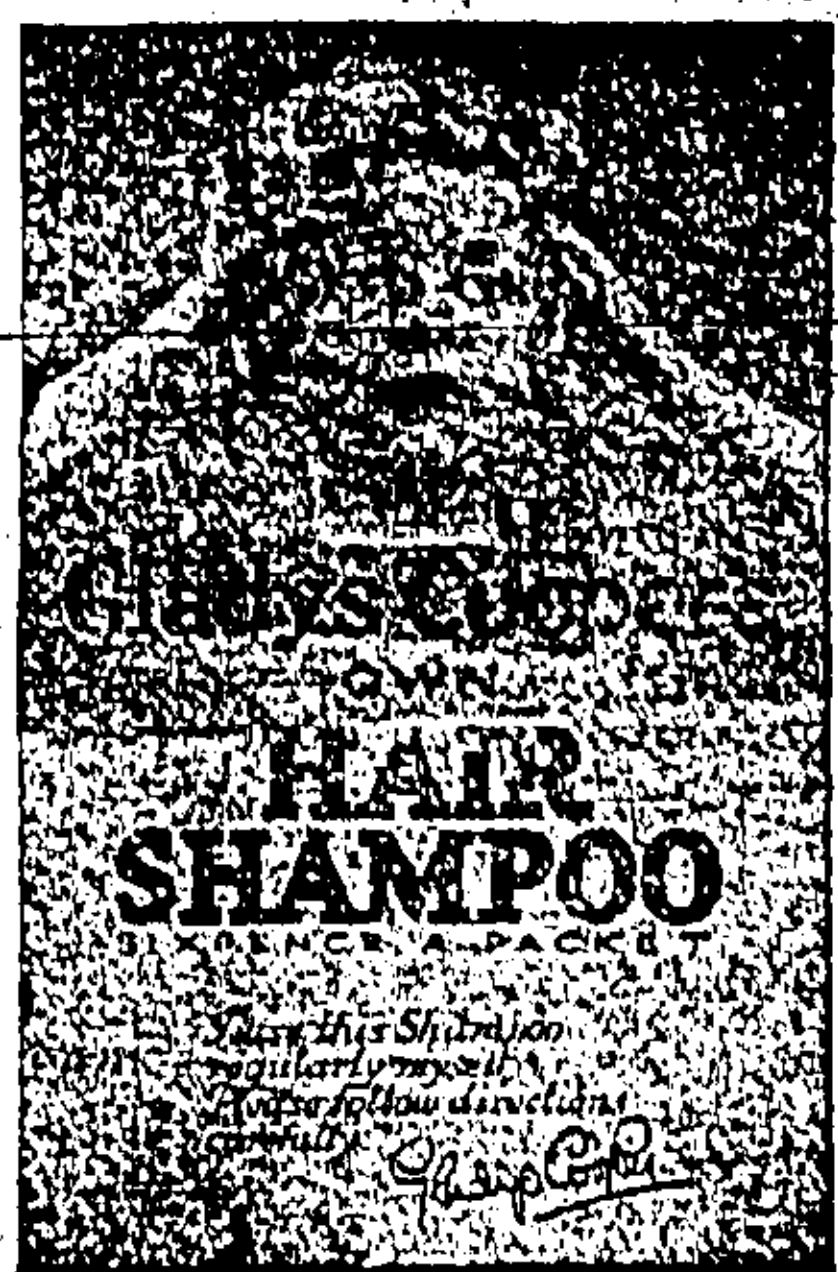
PARIS, Jan. 10th.
The story of a love romance between M. Jean Casale, a famous French aviator, who was killed in 1923, and Mlle. Paulette Dorrie, a young and beautiful actress, has been revealed in a case now before the Paris courts.

Mlle. Dorrie has asked the court for permission to name her child Casale in memory of the aviator, who, she claims, was the father. The pair met in 1916. M. Casale, it is stated, paid for the upkeep of a child, and the child's photograph was found in one of his pockets after he had been killed.

Relatives of M. Casale, who are opposing the application, declare that the association was a wartime romance, and that there is no evidence that M. Casale was the father of the child. The court has ordered an inquiry to be held to determine whether M. Casale acted towards the child as a father might be expected to do.—B.U.P.

All the economic considerations point to the fact that Canadian producers can hold the Eastern Canadian market, but in the case of anthracite or coal for domestic purposes there is a large and, apparently, developing opportunity for the British exporter.

This is clearly shown by the figures. In 1922 Canada's imports of anthracite from Britain were 180,000 tons. Last year they reached the figure of 750,000 tons. The province of Quebec is now taking from 65 to 75 per cent. of its supply for heating purposes from Britain, while Ontario, in cities like Ottawa and Toronto, is steadily increasing its demand for Welsh coal.



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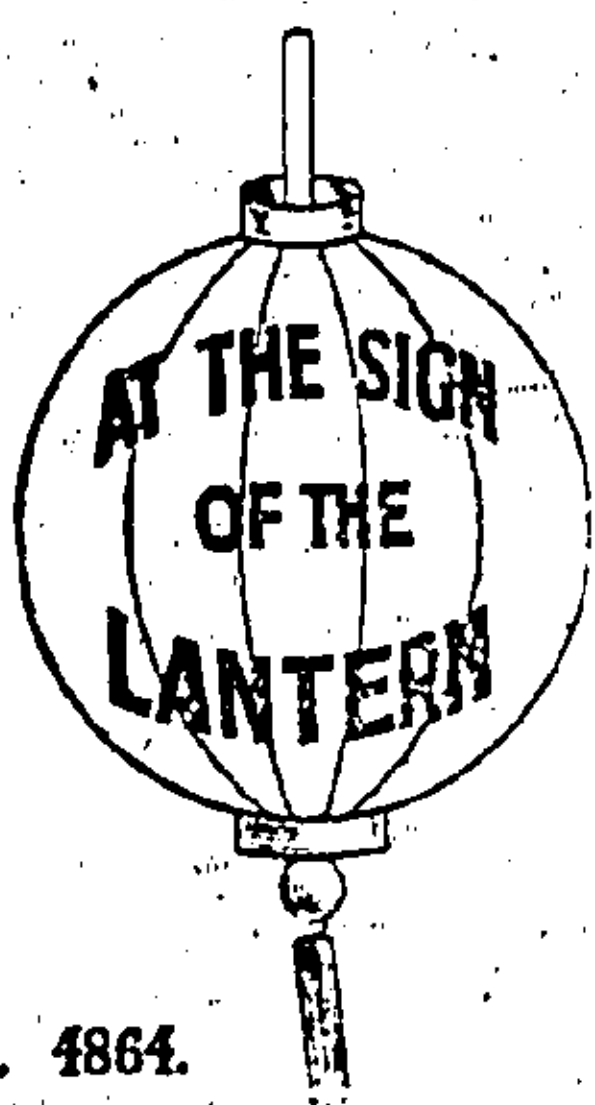
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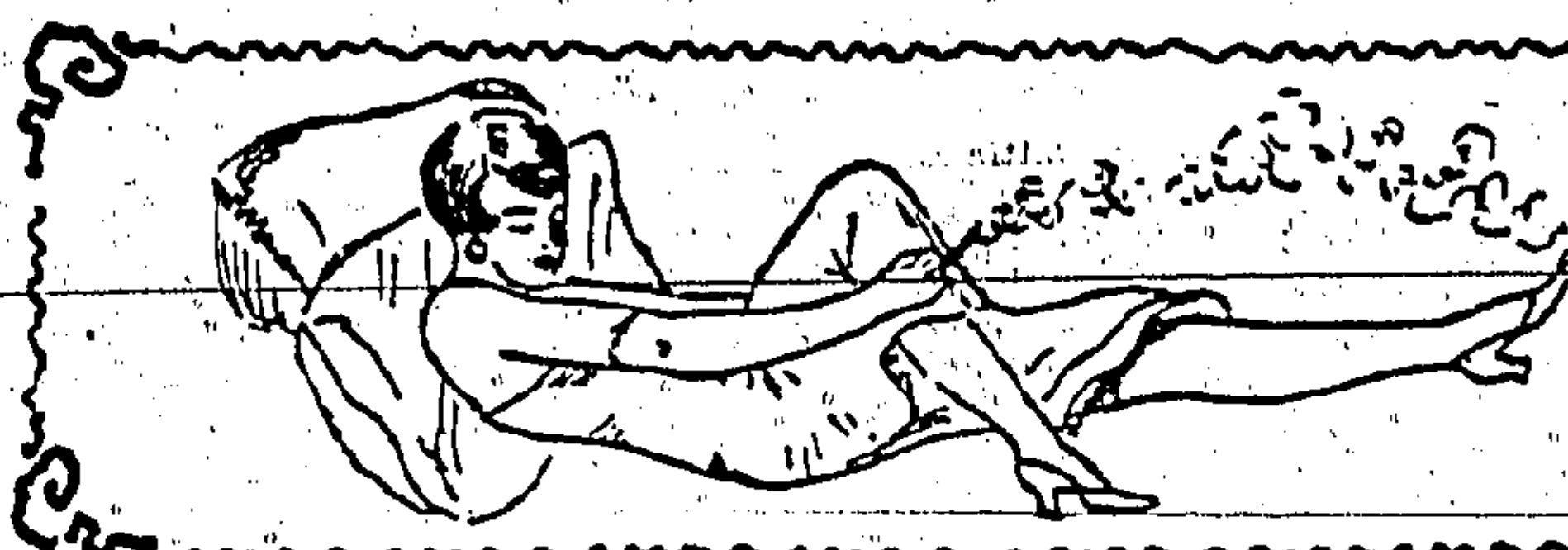
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WOMAN'S PAGE

TREASURES OF THE FAR EAST.

WHERE TO SHOP IN HONG KONG.

ADVICE TO OUR VISITORS OF THE "BELGENLAND"
AND "EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA."

All over the world the traveller, entering a new port, experiences the same difficulty of want of knowledge of the best shops in which to purchase those precious mementoes of his or her voyage. There is so much to see and do in the course of a few days, that the visitor is often tempted by the first shop, and all too often regrets, when too late, that she has not gone further afield.

Knowledge of local conditions and of the Chinese language, may make "back street" shopping worth while to the old resident or very experienced traveller; but there is no disguising that when a round-the-world liner is in harbour, a keen eye is watchful for a strange face, and it is just these "back street" shops which are most on the look out of "saps." The bigger firms mentioned on this page have built up a reputation for fair dealing over a number of years, and it is not in their interest to jeopardise that reputation for the sake of a few dollars.

I have, therefore, on this page tried to give you some indication of the type of goods which you can find at the various shops mentioned, and can assure you that you will receive courteous treatment and a square deal at all of them.

A TEMPLE OF ART.

KOMOR AND KOMOR.

Komor and Komor's is the oldest establishment of its kind in Hong Kong, having been opened in 1887.

The entrance to this well-known temple of art which you will find in Chater Road, is not very imposing, but once inside you are bewildered at the beauty and colour which meets your eyes. Every piece is a treasure, though some are quite modern treasures; you can make a purchase there for under a dollar, or you can spend thousands of dollars on some rare and beautiful objet d'art such as the famous Tokugawa Screen.

If Mr. Komor, our local Quincey, comes forward to serve you himself you are indeed lucky, for he can show his treasures as no one else can and has a fund of interesting stories in connection with various pieces. The huge bronze lioness, a beautiful life size sculpture with gilded eyes, which stands just inside, has been an object of admiration to young and old in Hong Kong since it first appeared in Komor's, and we who often go in there would sadly miss it if it were to be carried off to some other land. A more than life size bronze Buddha from Siam looks on all who enter with his strange mystical eyes and seems to stand guard over the thousand and one objects that fill shelves and counters. There is ivory, figure pieces and quaint little Netsuke; cloisonné of all grades, some extremely valuable; porcelain, bronze and lacquer work, comprising a collection the like of which is seldom met with under one roof for variety and beauty.

Upstairs in the "sanctuary" you will find a remarkable collection of old bronze Buddha heads, with their mystical contemplative look and curiously elongated ears. Some very lovely specimens of the cabinet makers art both black wood and lacquer, screens, chests and cabinets, fill nearly all the available space. Wonderful Chinese carpets lie on the floor and the shelves are crowded with a collection of porcelain representative of every period of Chinese art.

One thing is certain you cannot be disappointed in Komor's, and even if you make but a modest purchase you will have seen there specimens of what is best in Chinese and Japanese art, and will leave with a better understanding and appreciation of Oriental art work.

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THE SIGN OF THE LANTERN.

I heard about "The Sign of the Lantern," in Chater Road, long before I reached Hong Kong. "A most fascinating shop," I was told, "which you will never exhaust." Of course, residents in the Colony need no introduction to this treasure house, but possibly some of our visitors this week may not have had the recommendation I received. It would take more space than I am allowed to tell you about a hundredth part of the delightful things that can be found there, but I should doubt if even the hardest headed business man in the world could go inside and come out with his bank roll intact, and certainly no visitor in search of a memento of the East would want to do so. Blackwood furniture, old and new lacquer, porcelain, rugs, oriental embroideries, and jewellery, make a setting for innumerable lovely trifles, some rare and valuable and others which can be secured for a dollar or so.

A couple of lovely, genuinely old, mandarin coats attracted my attention yesterday. One was black satin, very stiff and rich, embroidered with cherry red roses and tiny figures; the other, a symphony of blue and gold, was closely patterned with the water and Imperial dragons designs.

A new departure for "The Sign of the Lantern" is Cantonese shawls. They are all of the first grade small stitch variety, and can be bought with confidence, the cheaper long stitch embroidery is apt to pull away after a time, and the silk is often of too poor a quality to stand the heavy embroidery. I believe this is the only shop in the Colony where you can buy those delightfully decorative sarongs of printed cotton, which for a very small cost add so charming and individual a note to your room, as a hanging or table cloth or made up as cushion covers.

You will always find in this shop lengths and ornaments of old Chinese embroidery, rescued from mandarin garments and made up into mats, table runners and bedspreads, but it is not often that you come upon a Chinese altar cloth which looks as fresh and lovely as it did when it was first embroidered. There is one there now, of a vivid apple green satin, embroidered with the figures of three gods in a garden of flowers and butterflies. A porcelain horse of about the year 1730 stands on the same table. It is beautifully modelled and has a high peaked green Cossack saddle on its back.

worn to-day. Mandarin coats are known and admired the world over, and the Pioneer Silk Store have a very fine collection of them. Mandarin Pyjama Suits which make most fascinating nightgowns are less well-known, I noticed one in Imperial yellow satin with sprays of pink almond blossom, and another of black satin with circular medallions of small cherry pink flowers, which with their more open necks seemed particularly suitable for American or European ladies. Maharajah coats are like the popular Haori coats in shape but considerably longer, and can be used as dressing gowns or negligee wraps. These are, of course, quite modern and made of *crape de chine* printed in some oriental design. Dancing coats may be new to you, they again are a variation of the Haori coat specially designed for the dancers or to slip on between the dances in the evening. The difference lies in the fact that the dancing coat has a fringe at the hem and on the ends of the long sleeves, and is generally printed in bright colours.

Many of you may be interested to take home Chinese garments such as are worn to-day. With this idea the "Pioneer" has had a large stock of both the long coat dress and the pyjama style, made up with a wider cut, in all sorts of silks using particularly those patterns and colours most pleasing to Western taste.

You can also find here squares and pieces of antique Chinese embroidery, lovely wall hangings and a very large stock of Cantonese shawls. This business is famous locally for their stockings and silk embroidered underwear. They will also make up any material you may buy for you within sixteen hours, and have a large staff of expert tailors for this purpose.

I have not attempted here to give you a detailed description of every thing you can find in this store, but enough, I hope, to urge you to call there and see the rest for yourself.

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FOR THE DERBY: HAPPY VALLEY.

SOME RACE WEEK TOILETTES FROM LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

If you study the shop windows are carefully as I do you will have got the impression that this year's race season is to be a record one as far as the dressing of the ladies is concerned. Provision has been made for almost every sort of weather, and as you examine model after model it becomes almost impossible to decide what sort of temperature you would prefer.

In Lane, Crawford's window is, or was, a charming ensemble in maroon of the new pinky *bois de rose*. Cleverly placed insertions of the shiny surface of the material strap both the frock and the coat which is collared with summer ermine. A smart little toque of gold tissue, with the turned back Russian-hendress crown set with tiny gold leaves, has been designed to be worn with it. That demands the sort of weather we had for race week last year.

But inside is a lovely frock of navy blue satin and georgette which has three large crescent-shaped insertions, one on the bodice, and one each side of the front of the full skirt, of *petit point* embroidery of tiny pink flowers. This sets your hopes veering towards a warmer day. I saw a hat in the window which must have been designed for this frock. It is a folded turban of blue de *Madame* satin covered with a crown and tiara of fine black straw. There is a narrow band of, the same *petit point* flowers just where the black straw turns off the turban in front, and the tiara line is a sharp fold of the straw which runs from the centre front to over the left eye. This very smart hat is completed with one of the new nose veils.

Even more summery is a lovely two-piece of pinky beige georgette and satin. It consists of a long satin slip with shoulder straps and a georgette coat to be worn over it. Down the front of the coat run bands of the satin with ornamental buttons and button holes, the only real method of fastening being a narrow belt set low on the hips, and a series of tiny vertical tucks which ensure a snug hip fitting. The newest pastel grey is used for a delightfully simple frock of georgette which relies on tucks and a single pink flower for its ornament. The tucks run across the whole of the back of the dress but stop short at the waist line in front. An unusual feature is the round almost *bateau* neckline which is coming into favour again.

One of the newest colours is a dull cherry red, the colour of a ripe morella. I noticed a very smart two-piece ensemble of maroon and pink, with insertions of the

satin surface, and dress of georgette. Cherry pearl patent shoes, which are, however, a trifle more brown in tone, would be worn with this ensemble and with the pinky beiges.

Just one more hat and frock ensemble, a warmer one again. There is a dress of heavy blue *marin* marocaine which again has



This simply cut frock is very slimming in effect and could be made of the two sides of reversible satin the shiny surface being used for the trimming.

the round neckline, in this case emphasised by a hem of cherry pink *crêpe de chine* which also makes cuff and belt. Lines of heavy cable stitching in the same cherry red appear at the hips. For the hat I should choose a blue panne velvet with upturned brim. The crown is decorated by gold thread stitchery and an insertion and brim lining of pink and gold *tulle*.

One of the most significant features of the winter collections is colour. The new shades are so soft, so attenuated, so difficult to describe, that they excite as much interest as the models themselves.

In general the colour scheme is sober and quiet. There is a grand deal of black for all times of day, and many of the leading designers retain their preference of all black or all white evening gowns. But there are also wonderful new "off" shades: faint sage green, "verdigris" blue, which is pale and neither grey, green nor blue, pale hyacinth blue, faded and faded rose tones. For evening the newest note is clear pale yellow; but it is also new to find such daytime colours as grey taupe and beige used in lovely chiffon velvets for evening gowns.

There are many greens, all the way from deep bottle green to the palest washed out tone, almost white. There are also many blues, especially the "middle" blues, and the light tones for evening. Then there is LeLong's combination of the two in a shade that might be called peacock. Brown stages a revival. Patou's "new colours" are three tones of brown, a beige which is darker than any we have had, more like a dead leaf colour, a middle cocoa brown, and a very deep chocolate. In the midst of these soft, indefinable colours, we are startled at some houses by a note of clear red, scarlet or cardinal, that fairly shouts among the faded shades.

A Lamé Model From Poirot. A particular description of a few of the models to be found here. Sarraute will serve to show you how these new ideas are being demonstrated. Paul Poirot sends a wonderful green and silver *lamé* frock. The modernistic seams are all but invisible though they have much to do with the subtle grace of the dress. The effect is that of an exquisitely fitted semi-Princess gown with a fairly long triangular side train. The success of the line of the dress is largely due to the fact that the material from top to hem is all-on-the-bias. The material is out to drape over the right shoulder and under the left arm, being supported on this side by a narrow jewelled shoulder strap.

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THE EVENING MODE.

SOME PARIS MODELS IN ICE HOUSE STREET.

Many excellent dress hints can be gathered from the new collection of Paris models which Madame Sarraute is showing.

Although not new the uneven hemline is of paramount importance, and there is something new in the extent to which this idea has been carried this season. Premet and Patou, to mention the two houses that are most conspicuously in favour of this hemline, make evening gowns of velvet and of satin that are above the knee at one point, and almost touch the ground at another. You have no notion how attractive they are, for this description sounds extravagant. They are swathed and draped about the hips, and from this point hang panels, and gathered ends, and petal-shaped pieces, while the simple bodices are usually quite plain, quite fitted, and often crossed over in front on a surplice line.

Another characteristic of the new gowns is the "one-sided" effect. If you were to cut one of the new frocks in two up the front, you would have two halves that differ entirely. LeLong is the most persistent exponent of this idea. The majority of his models are asymmetric to a striking degree. They are most complicated in cut, consisting of numerous sections carefully cut out and sewn together again on the lines that converge to one hip or one shoulder.

Trimming. I have already spoken of the many sections into which the new gowns are cut and sewn together again. Encrustations and applications, of two materials, of one side of the material on the other, or of two colours or two shades of the same colour, are most important.

The lines of these encrustations and applications are almost invariably diagonal or triangular.

Trimming, this year, continues to take a subordinate place, unless you count as trimming the masses of hand workmanship—pin-tucks, hemstitching, cording, encrustation, and application—which decorate so many of the new things, and make them so difficult to copy. The dress-makers have shown their mastery of the art of needlecraft in this respect more triumphantly than ever.

Waistlines, the bone of contention for so long, continue slowly, very slowly, their upward trend. That is to say, they remain above the hipbone, but below the "natural" line. They are frequently done higher at one point, lower at the other. Many daytime models are belted, and many evening and afternoon ones have girdles and sash belts.

Colour. One of the most significant features of the winter collections is colour. The new shades are so soft, so attenuated, so difficult to describe, that they excite as much interest as the models themselves. In general the colour scheme is sober and quiet. There is a grand deal of black for all times of day, and many of the leading designers retain their preference of all black or all white evening gowns. But there are also wonderful new "off" shades: faint sage green, "verdigris" blue, which is pale and neither grey, green nor blue, pale hyacinth blue, faded and faded rose tones. For evening the newest note is clear pale yellow; but it is also new to find such daytime colours as grey taupe and beige used in lovely chiffon velvets for evening gowns.

There are many greens, all the way from deep bottle green to the palest washed out tone, almost white. There are also many blues, especially the "middle" blues, and the light tones for evening. Then there is LeLong's combination of the two in a shade that might be called peacock. Brown stages a revival. Patou's "new colours" are three tones of brown, a beige which is darker than any we have had, more like a dead leaf colour, a middle cocoa brown, and a very deep chocolate. In the midst of these soft, indefinable colours, we are startled at some houses by a note of clear red, scarlet or cardinal, that fairly shouts among the faded shades.

A Lamé Model From Poirot. A particular description of a few of the models to be found here. Sarraute will serve to show you how these new ideas are being demonstrated. Paul Poirot sends a wonderful green and silver *lamé* frock. The modernistic seams are all but invisible though they have much to do with the subtle grace of the dress. The effect is that of an exquisitely fitted semi-Princess gown with a fairly long triangular side train. The success of the line of the dress is largely due to the fact that the material from top to hem is all-on-the-bias. The material is out to drape over the right shoulder and under the left arm, being supported on this side by a narrow jewelled shoulder strap.

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BY THE WAY.

SEEN IN LOCAL SHOPS.

Smart Little Goats.

Powell's have very charming white coats for the young or toddling baby. Most of these are trimmed with swansdown though one very nice-looking little garment of nap cloth has a "coachman" collar edged with Tibet sheep fur. A very jaunty coat made with a fitting bodice and full skirt is of white corded silk and other shades are in corded velvet, zennana cloth and nap.

British Ice Chests.

If your ice chest is getting warped or worn now is the time to look out for a new one, as later when there is a big demand it is often impossible to fill all the orders. Whiteaway, Laidlaw's British all white metal chests were in great demand last year. They are beautifully and scientifically made, all the joints and fittings are electro-plated and there is an asbestos interlining for greater efficiency. These chests are warp proof and cockroach proof, and move very easily on specially designed castors.

Straw Hats.

Whiteaway's have just received a large shipment of spring and summer hats all at very reasonable prices, and up-to-date in design.

Gladys Cooper Toilet Preparations. I saw that Lane, Crawford's now have Gladys Cooper Shampoo powders and rouge both of which have been hoped for some time by those who use her other excellent preparations.

Tennis Socks.

Pamela is showing some most fascinating short socks for tennis and golf. The theory is that the added thickness of wool, for they are to be worn over your ordinary stockings, protect the feet and prevent chafes or blisters. The white ones for tennis have turn-overs of bright colours, stripes and checks of orange, green, blue, red or yellow; those for golf which are mostly beige or light brown have similar ornamentalations. I also saw several very nice sports suits, sweaters and skirt in fine knitted wool, or wool and silk, which were quite inexpensive and very smart.

Lavin Works With Taffetas.

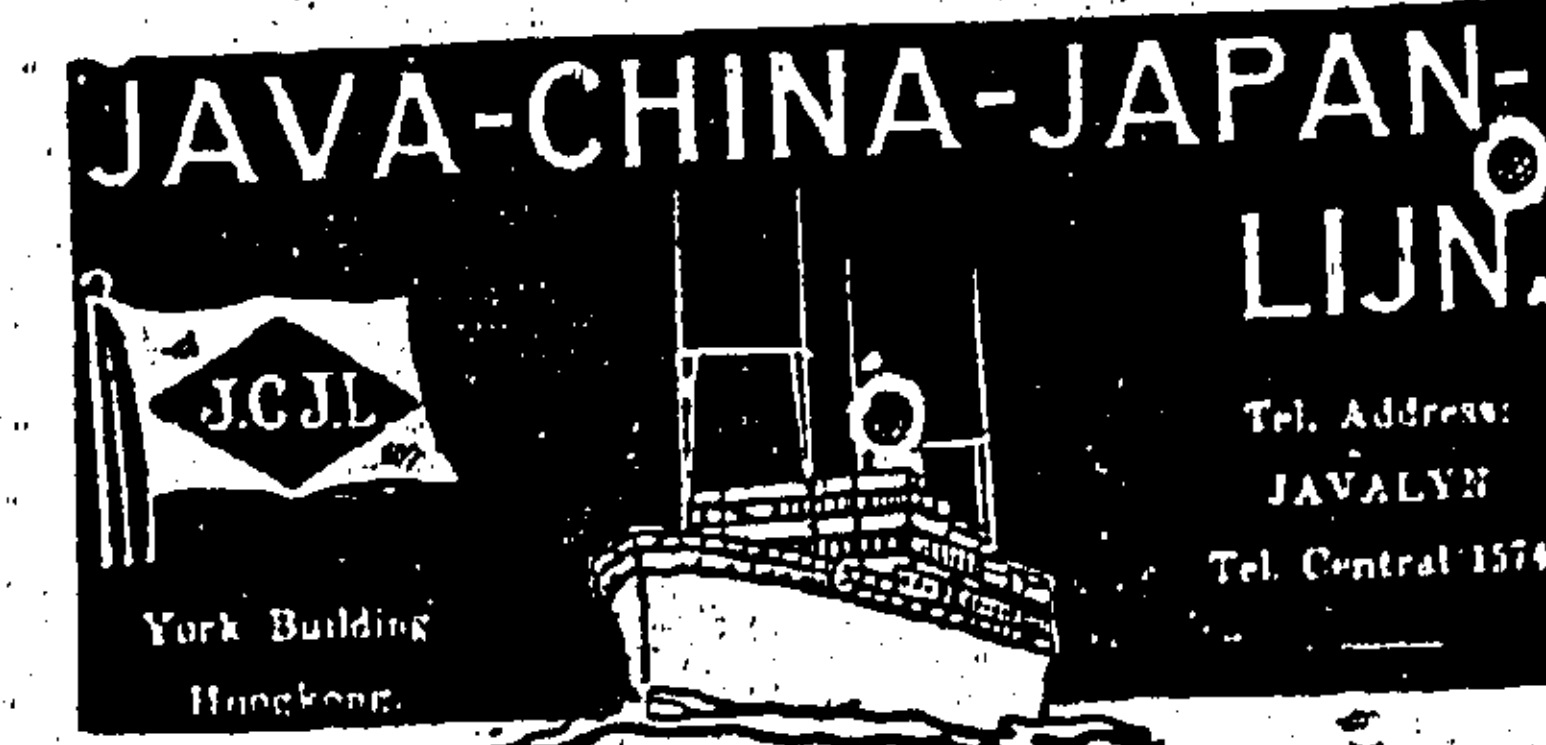
Lavin makes a lovely picture gown out of orchid taffetas. The bodice is short and quite plain but for a flower set just in front of the shoulder, while the skirt has a deep ankle length hem of net in a rather pinker shade and is held out by paniers on either hip.

Parma violet silk lace is used for another very smart little gown which has a wide sash of taffetas tied in a huge bow on the right hip.

A Cleverly Draped Skirt.

White georgette and black satin are both starred with diamonds and combined to make a very lovely gown with a cleverly draped skirt. The skirt—of the satin—appears to have a deep triangular cascade at each side but when you hold these cascades out you see that they are simply extra width, as it were, of the skirt not joined to the bodice but allowed to fall down. Of course, simple as this looks it is the sort of thing that needs exquisite cut to achieve the right effect.

The same combination of satin and georgette is seen in another black gown, though in this model it is the satin which is used for the bodice. The skirt gains a panier effect by means of fullness and rows of close-set frills on the hips, and it has a lace hem. But perhaps the loveliest gown of all is one of Jenny's which is made, very simply, of black georgette decorated with a cobwebby design of rhinestones which glitter like dew drops on a dark night.



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TJITAROEM	JAVA, MACASSAR	15th	17th	MACASSAR & JAVA
TJIKARANG	SHAL, KLONG	18th	18th	AMOI & SHAL KLONG
TJIKEMBANG	SHAL, KLONG	20th	22nd	BATAVIA
TJIPANAS	JAVA, MACASSAR	26th	29th	SWAROW & CHINA
TJISALAK	JAVA, MACASSAR	27th	29th	AMOI & N. CHINA
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10) JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

POLICEMAN AS DRESS CENSOR.

GERMAN WHO INSULTED BRITISH OFFICERS' WIVES PUNISHED.

CURIOUS SCENE IN WIESBADEN STATION.

WIESBADEN. For "endangering the peace between the British Army of Occupation and the German public" an over-zealous railway policeman who constituted himself a censor of women's apparel has been ordered by the British Summary Court to pay a fine of 200 marks (£10) or go to prison for one month.

The policeman (named Fehl) was asked by a woman in the first-class waiting-room at Wiesbaden station to request another woman to don her cloak because she considered her dress was too décolleté.

The second woman complied, but in her turn directed Fehl's attention to other tables at which were seated ladies in evening dress, and suggested that the order to put on cloaks should apply to everybody.

On Their Merits.

The policeman proceeded to deal with each case "on its merits." At two of the tables were seated some British officers and their wives, who were waiting for a train of late to Bingen after a ball. Singling out one woman, Fehl intimated that she must put on her cloak, which she did. Fehl's behaviour caused some what of a sensation, and a crowd gathered round the tables where the British were seated and began to pass remarks. One of the British officers, thereupon ordered Fehl to leave the room, and later he was arrested and charged with insulting four British officers by failing to salute and with insulting the families of British officers. In sentencing Fehl (whose name means literally "error") the Court expressed the opinion that he was not a fit person to perform railway police duties.—Reuter.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, February 9th.

Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer... 30.17	30.18	30.19
Temperature... 57	55	78
Humidity... 78	84	79
Wind... ENE	E	E
Direction... 4	4	4
Force... 0	0	0
Weather... 0.00	0.00	0.00
Rain... 0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 8th: 58		
Lowest open-air Temperature, 9th: 55		

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; E-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 10th to 16th, 1928.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	10	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		1 04	4 6	6 32	1 7
Sat.	11	m. 9	5 8	m. 6	4 3
		1 31	4 8	7 53	2 2
Sun.	12	m. 0 45	5 8	m. 7 41	2 6
		1 59	4 9	6 11	3 6
Mon.	13	1 34	4 7	m. 8 12	3 0
		2 38	5 1	9 46	3 3
Tues.	14	2 47	4 1	m. 8 39	3 3
		3 21	5 4	1 38	3 1
Wed.	15	5 37	8 8	m. 9 7	3 6
		4 14	5 7		
Thurs.	16	7 32	8 8	m. 0 43	2 6
		5 11	6 1	m. 9 42	3 7



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Pres. Folk ... Sun. Mar. 11th	Pres. Harrison ... Sun. Apr. 22nd
Pres. Van Buren ... Feb. 12th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Hayes ... Feb. 26th, 6 p.m.
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AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & HANGKOW	"KINGYUAN"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & HANGKOW	"KIANGSU"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGSHU"	On 12th Feb.	3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NANNING"	On 12th Feb.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHENAN"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
WUHAIR, CHIAO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 12th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"KANGHOU"	On 12th Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & HANGKOW	"KANGHOU"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUICHANG"	On 12th Feb.	8 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPPE"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
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Shingo Maru, Japanese str., 3,423 tons, Capt. J. Yamamoto, from Moji, which port she left on February 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf, O.S.K.
Shun Chik, Chinese str., 1,183 tons, Capt. H. A. Johnson, from Saigon, which port she left on February 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 648—Chang Tong Ha.
Tulsi Maru, Japanese str., 1,833 tons, Capt. M. Masuda, from Karatsu and Port Arthur. The latter port she left on February 3rd, with 2,500 tons of salt, lying at Yaumati—M.B.K.

February 9th.
Kine Maru, Japanese str., 1,295 tons, Capt. O. Ishii, from Dairen, which port she left on February 2nd, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49—M.B.K.
Limchoe, French str., 1,419 tons, Capt. P. E. Morganti, from Whampoa, lying at buoy No. B21—Sing Kee Co.
Lina, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. T. Beer, from Canton, lying at Taikoo Dock—B. & S.
Munich Maru, Japanese motor ship, 7,500 tons, Capt. T. Norita, from Kobe, which port she left on February 4th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.
Myrtlebank, British str., 3,150 tons, Capt. B. Stewart, from Moji and Shanghai. The latter port she left on February 6th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10—Bank Line.

Sodegaura Maru, Japanese str., 830 tons, Capt. J. Murakami, from Kowloon, which port she left on February 6th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C33—Y. Sato Co.
Sun Sai Kwi, Chinese str., 245 tons, Capt. Hau Tak, from Kwong Chow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point—Sui Sang S.S. Co.

Taming, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. C. D. Mills, from Dalny, which port she left on February 3rd, with a cargo of beans, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.
Tatsuno Maru, Japanese str., 4,295 tons, Capt. K. Sato, from Kobe and India, with a cargo of sugar, lying at buoy No. A1—N.Y.K.

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Tihawa will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka at 6 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday), February 11th.
The R.M.S. Empress of Australia, round the world cruise, left Manila on February 8th at 5.30 p.m. and is due at Hong Kong to-day (Friday) at 7 a.m. She leaves for Shanghai on Monday, February 13th, at 10 p.m.
The N.D.L. s.s. Saarbrücken left Shanghai on February 9th, and is expected to arrive here on February 12th. She will sail for Europe, via Manila, Singapore and ports on February 13th.

VESSELS IN PORT.

The following were the vessels in port yesterday:
British: Kungie, Wai Shing, Taming, Tathysia, Changte, Hai-ching, Kut Sang, Hydrangea, Sun-ning, New Mathilde, Halvard, Neistan, King Yuan, Lumpoc, Hai Yang, Polanahall, Kwei Yang, Hai Yang, Hai Sang, Tran, Kueichow, Empire of Canada, Kueichow, Cape St. Agnes, Kiang Su, Apsey, Chusan, Turiston, Wing Hong, Sunatra, Takuo, Linan, American: West Farulon, Norwegian: Hivado, Prosper, Maud, Hardrot, Botnia, Eiger, Kronviken.
Panama: Pamee.
Danish: Michael Jensen, Bintang, Clara Jensen.
Japanese: Tatsuno Maru, Kine Maru, Sodegaura Maru, Mon-heido Maru, Shingo Maru, Hozon Maru, Togo Maru, Delt Maru, Sorachi Maru, Sumida Maru.

Chinese: Shun Chik, Sun Sai Kwi, Detawong, Cheung, Wai, Hsin Fao Sing, Tai Fook Sing, Wai Chai, Yuan Jang, Lee On, Derwent, Hoi Cheung, Haiman, Ban Fui Soon, Poo Yee, Lee Cheung, Gen. H. Hunt, Gen. H. Kwo, Man Sun, Dutch: Tjondard, Hankow, Jan, Otto, Hong Kong.
Portuguese: Kong On, King On.
French: Hanoi.
Swedish: Ceylon.

All vessels arriving yesterday morning reported heavy monsoon conditions both north and south, with local fog.

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SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1928.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

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GREENWICH.			
Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.	
February	10th...6.59 a.m.	6.17 p.m.	
"	11th...6.58 "	6.18 "	
"	12th...6.58 "	6.18 "	
"	13th...6.57 "	6.19 "	
"	14th...6.57 "	6.19 "	
"	15th...6.56 "	6.20 "	
"	16th...6.56 "	6.20 "	
"	17th...6.55 "	6.21 "	
"	18th...6.54 "	6.21 "	
"	19th...6.54 "	6.22 "	
"	20th...6.53 "	6.22 "	
"	21st...6.52 "	6.23 "	
"	22nd...6.51 "	6.23 "	
"	23rd...6.50 "	6.23 "	
"	24th...6.49 "	6.24 "	
"	25th...6.49 "	6.24 "	
"	26th...6.48 "	6.25 "	
"	27th...6.47 "	6.25 "	
"	28th...6.47 "	6.25 "	
"	29th...6.46 "	6.27 "	

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KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 11th Feb.

KATORI MARU ... Saturday, 25th Feb.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Feb.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 21st Mar.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TAMBA MARU ... Sunday, 12th Feb.

TASMANIA MARU ... Friday, 17th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

ANYO MARU ... Thursday, 15th Mar.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

KAWAIO MARU ... Wednesday, 29th Feb.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

CALCUTTA MARU ... Friday, 24th Feb.

LIVPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

LYONS MARU ... Saturday, 10th Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

TOTTORI MARU ... Sunday, 12th Feb.

MOBIKA MARU ... Monday, 20th Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Friday, 17th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKITA MARU (Mojito direct) Sunday, 19th Feb.

NAGANO MARU (Mojito direct) Sunday, 19th Feb.

KANAGAWA MARU (Kobe direct) Sunday, 19th Feb.

HAKONE MARU ... Monday, 20th Feb.

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Further Sailings	Expected here on or about	Will leave homeward-bound on or about
M.S. "Australia"	14th February	20th March
M.S. "Asia"	14th February	5th April
M.S. "Africa"	28th March	30th April
M.S. "Malaya"	15th April	27th May
M.S. "Danmark"	25th May	30th June

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS LOW.

THROUGH CARGO HIGH.

Although seventeen vessels arrived here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday morning the cargo manifested for Hong Kong was low, while the through cargo remained high.

There were 6,530 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, and of this total 700 tons were contributed by three British steamers. The two best returns were 1,300 tons by the *Kine Maru* from Dairen, 900 by the *Hanui* from Haiphong and Port Bayard.

Cargo for ports beyond the Colony, however, remained high. The through cargo amounted to 30,000 tons, of which six British steamers contributed 3,770 tons.

The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Ceylon* (Swedish) from Gothenburg and Singapore with 6,000 tons, while 5,530 tons by the *Tatung Maru* from Kobe and Yokohama.

Arrivals and Departures. The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:-

	Arr.	Dep.
British	6	6
Japanese	6	1
Chinese	4	2
French	1	0
Dutch	0	1
German	0	1
American	0	1
Total	17	12

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Jackson, Feb. 13th.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, Mar. 9th.

Changde, April 6th.

Bank Line.

City of Benares, Feb. 12th.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 17th.

City of Durban, March 16th.

City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.

City of Bombay, April 4th.

City of Eastbourne, April 11th.

City of Carlisle, April 14th.

City of Rouen, April 14th.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of Athens, May 12th.

City of Chester, May 25th.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Tukada, to-day.

Tulma, Feb. 10th.

Tulumba, Feb. 24th.

Tulika, Feb. 25th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Australia, to-day.

Empress of Russia, Feb. 23rd.

Dodwell & Co.

Romolo, March 1st.

Tugela, March 5th.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Van Buren, to-morrow.

President Pierce, Feb. 13th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Australian, Feb. 14th.

Africa, Feb. 27th.

Africa, Mar. 26th.

Malaya, April 15th.

Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, Mar. 5th.

Argyria, April 2nd.

Blue Funnel Line.

Aeneas, Feb. 13th.

Autolytus, Feb. 20th.

Hector, Feb. 21st.

Achilles, Feb. 25th.

Polyphemus, Feb. 25th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Calchas, March 5th.

Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

Rheus, Mar. 10th.

Teiresias, Mar. 18th.

Tyndareus, Mar. 18th.

Menelaus, Mar. 22nd.

Eurylochus, Mar. 22nd.

Automedon, April 1st.

Patroclus, April 1st.

Pheniceus, April 10th.

Agamemnon, April 15th.

Laomedon, April 24th.

Orastes, April 25th.

Machaon, May 2nd.

Teucer, May 22nd.

Pyrrhus, May 30th.

Glen Line.

Glenluce, Mar. 2nd.

Glenluce, Mar. 7th.

Glenluce, Mar. 16th.

Glenluce, April 8th.

Hamburg-America Line and

Hugo Stinnes Linie.

Saarland, to-day.

Havelland, Feb. 25th.

Emil Kirchner, Feb. 26th.

Havensin, March 7th.

Scheer, Mar. 12th.

Carl Legien, March 23rd.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjiluwang, Feb. 13th.

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MARINE COURT.

ANOTHER DANGEROUS GOODS CHARGE.

[BY LORSHIPMAN.]

Masters of trading junks who have dangerous goods on board are much too ready to ignore the regulations compelling them to anchor in the places provided for them. During the last few days, several cases of this nature have been heard at the Marine Court, and every instance a heavy fine was imposed.

A case was heard yesterday before Commander G. F. Hole in which a junk master was charged with having failed to anchor in an open provided for vessels with dangerous goods when he had 300 cases of kerosene aboard.

His Worship said that this offence was getting altogether too frequent and that he was determined to make boat people understand that they could not do as they pleased. Such negligence on their part endangered the lives of hundreds of other persons.

In fining the defendant \$100, with the alternative of two months' hard labour, the Magistrate said that if any more cases of this nature were brought before him, he would impose the maximum penalty of \$250.

Obstruction.

For obstructing the Southern Fairway, a boat master was fined \$5 before the same Court.

Shoal Extended.

A notice from the Maritime Customs, Shanghai, dated February 1st, states that the master of the s.s. *Fouching* has reported that the shoal situated south-westward of Chiam Island at the southern entrance to Hungshui Sound (Lam Yut Channel Shoal) appears to have extended, and the water to have shoaled considerably.

"Pong Tong" Goes To Dock.

The *Pong Tong* went into dock at Taikoo yesterday morning, preliminary to sailing on Sunday for Singapore, Penang and Rangoon. The *Clara Jerns* will be docked at Taikoo for overhaul to-day, while the *Tegm* will leave from the same yard after overhaul and will sail for Hothow, Pakhoi and Haiphong to-morrow.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:-

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"MONGOLIA"	15,504	31st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	do.
"MANTHA"	10,948	14th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NAZPORE"	5,231	21st April	Marseilles and London.
"MOHRA"	10,953	28th April	do.
"KASHGAR"	5,318	5th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	5,318	19th May	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,985	26th May	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	3rd June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NOVARA"	9,889	16th June	Marseilles and London.
"MAEDONIA"	11,120	23rd June	do.
"KEYHER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NANKIN"	7,056	14th July	Marseilles and London.
"MANPU"	10,944	21st July	do.
"KASHMIR"	5,585	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALULIANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,952	16th Sept.	Marseilles and London.

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FROM	PER	DATE
STRAITS	Yuenang	10th Feb.
EUROPE via NEGAPATAN (letters only)		
London 13th Jan.	Saurland	10th Feb.
MANILA	Emp. of Australia	10th Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Kamo Maru	10th Feb.
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EUROPE via NEGAPATAN (papers only)		
London, 12th Jan. & parcels, 3rd Jan.	Karlsruhe	13th Feb.
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MANILA	Pres. Pierce	13th Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	1st Arctagon	14th Feb.
STRAITS	Footang	14th Feb.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Tango Maru	15th Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Kyber	17th Feb.
STRAITS	Hakoma Maru	19th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Hakoma Maru	21st Feb.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Russia	23rd Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Katara Maru	24th Feb.
STRAITS	Susca Maru	4th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hohow and Haiphong	New Mathilde	Friday, 10th, 8.30 A.M.
Seigon & South Africa	Montevideo Maru	10.00 A.M.
Haiphong	West Feron	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Uung	10.30 P.M.
Japan	Yuenang	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Sagkore	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th March	Kamo Maru	8.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, U.S.A. & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th March, & Europe via SIBERIA	Pres. Pierce	8.30 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 24th February	Changie	8.30 P.M.
Amoy	Taming	4.30 P.M.
*Shanghai	Emp. of Australia	5.00 P.M.
*Shanghai and Japan	Hakoma Maru	5.00 P.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Tuesday, 14th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Uung	10.00 A.M.
Seigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Asia, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 16th March	D'Arctagon	1.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., G. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 4th March, & Europe via SIBERIA	Emp. of Canada	1.45 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	Hakoma Maru	5.00 P.M.

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